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SINAPALO, Rota—Voters are expected to be asked in the Nov. 2 elections whether they approve of a constitutional amendment to allow the government to borrow hundreds of millions of dollars to pay off its debt to the NMI Retirement Fund, after the Senate passed yesterday House Legislative Initiative 17-1.

HLI 17-1 passed the Senate on an 8-0 vote, about a week after the House passed it on an 18-0 vote.

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Tinian readies for 65th anniversary of Hiroshima bombing

» **Five atomic bomb experts to grace commemoration**

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Five atomic bomb experts have confirmed that they will be on Tinian next week for the 65th commemoration of the dropping of the atomic bombs "Little Boy" and "Fat Man" on Hiroshima and Nagasaki—a pivotal moment that led to the end of World War II.

Dr. Roger Meade, an archivist for the Los

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Charito Maliksi-Runge, center, sobs as she is presented with an American flag from a U.S. Marine Corps officer shortly before her 21-year-old son, the late Marine Corporal Dave Michael M. Santos, was laid to rest at the St. Joseph Cemetery in Songsong, Rota yesterday noon. Inset, Lotty Ann A. Santos grieves for her deceased husband, while her father-in law, David M. Santos, consoles her during the final viewing at the San Isidro Chapel in Sinapalo. Santos was allegedly killed by a fellow Marine on July 15 while serving in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Community bids goodbye to fallen Marine

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SONGSONG, Rota—An emotional farewell to the late U.S. Marine Corporal Dave Michael M. Santos yesterday brought together a small community that is seeking justice for the tragic loss of their son.

His father, David M. Santos, broke down in tears at the final viewing of his son's remains at the San Isidro Chapel in Sinapalo. He takes comfort, though, in believing that his 21-year-old son is in Heaven.

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Local

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PSS spends \$29.6M in federal funds last school year

The Public School System spent \$29.6 million in federal funds in

school year 2009-2010 and expects an increase of \$3 million

in federal aid in school year 2010-2011.

PSS federal programs officer Tim Thornburgh said the \$29.6 million excludes the one-time State Fiscal Stabilization Fund of \$32 million awarded to PSS under the American Recovery Reinvestment Act last school year.

Thornburgh said PSS expects to receive over \$32 million in regular federal grants this coming fiscal year, which starts in October 2010.

Thornburgh said the \$29.6 million expended by 20 public schools last school year on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota included the following:

- \$9.2 million from a consolidated grant for private schools;
- \$7.7 million for school breakfast and lunch of students;
- \$4.8 million for special education students;
- \$446,000 for special education's infant and toddlers;
- \$10,000 for school library books;
- \$981,000 for reading first program;
- \$102,000 for HIV/AIDS prevention;
- \$384,000 for transportation and maintenance needs of students;
- \$488,000 for school facility improvements;

- \$116,000 for the Ameri-Corp program; and
- \$285,000 for the after-school program.

PSS receives funds from the U.S. Department of Education, Nutrition Assistance Grant; Special Education Programs Part B and C grant, Head Start program grant, Federal Transit Administration grant, E-rate program grant, and Territorial & Freely Associated State Education grant each year.

Last year, PSS received the

first phase of the SFSF money for school renovations and modernization, career technological programs, laptops for middle and high school students, and salaries for 105 positions restored to PSS.

Thornburgh said the second phase of the total SFSF grant, amounting to \$16 million, is expected to start trickling in by September this year. PSS has two years to spend the one-time SFSF money.

As of last month, PSS reported that it has spent \$15 million so far of the first phase of the SFSF for major school renovations and salary of personnel.

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19 child care centers get stimulus funding

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Nineteen child care centers in the Commonwealth were provided financial aid under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, according to the Child Care Bureau Web site.

These grants were intended to improve the centers' indoor and outdoor health and safety conditions and to procure educational materials.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reported that eight Commonwealth child care centers received a maximum of \$2,000 each to eliminate unsanitary carpeting and replace them with easy-to-clean surfaces. It said any leftover funding went toward educational materials to support the curricula for children.

Seven centers were also provided a maximum of \$3,000 each for new playground surfacing and additional shading—a critical need given the CNMI's tropical climate.

The federal agency said these centers also used ARRA funds to purchase outdoor toys such as sandboxes and equipment for active play.

Four infant, toddler, and pre-school programs in the CNMI also received mini-grants of \$1,000 each for the purchase of toys.

According to Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Melvin Faisao, the agency has received \$1.8 million so far in ARRA funding for the improvement and expansion of child care programs on the island.

Of the amount, \$1.2 million has already been obligated, while a little over \$600,000 is being planned for the improvement of other centers.

DCCA handles the CNMI Child Care program and is the expenditure authority for about \$5.7 million in grants.

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LOLLIPOPS

Sanpo-en delegation arrives on Saipan

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Thirty-two students of the Sanpo-en International Cultural Exchange Association Honorary Citizenship of Saipan age 11 to 17 years old arrived yesterday morning, along with five adult companions and their high priest and founder, Kayaki Kansho.

Saipan Mayor Donald Flores and his staff welcomed the delegation with a breakfast banquet yesterday at

the beach behind the former Pacific Gardenia Hotel.

The cultural exchange program is an annual activity between students of Saipan and Japan. It allows students to experience each other's culture by staying with local families during their visit.

Students of the Sanpo-en delegation have been coming to Saipan for 32 years now, said Kansho through interpreter Hidetsugu Abe.

Meanwhile, the Saipan delegation has been traveling to Japan for 27

years, the most recent of which was in February when students of the My Wave Club at Hopwood Junior High School flew to Japan for the program.

Kansho said he himself first came to Saipan back when the governor was still Carlos S. Camacho.

According to Kansho, they conduct religious ceremonies, teach and encourage their students to pray for the war dead through this cultural exchange program.

Abe said they will be visiting Saipan's historical sites like the Banzai

Cliff, the Suicide Cliff, and the Last Command Post during their stay here. During these visits, they will perform a religious ceremony to honor all those who died during the war.

Today, they will build 300 paper lanterns that will be released into the open sea, said Abe.

Flores said part of the delegation's

stay will be spent at the Aquarius hotel and with their local host families.

According to Flores, they want to reciprocate the hospitality of the Japanese delegation to Saipan students during their stay here.

Flores expressed his gratitude to Mr. Lino Olopai for graciously allowing them to do their activities at his property behind the former Pacific Gardenia Hotel.

The Sanpo-en delegation will leave for Japan on Aug. 3.

FROM APRIL TO JUNE 2010

24 arrests, \$135,000 in illegal drugs recovery

In the last quarter, the CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force made 24 arrests and recovered \$135,000 worth of illegal drugs, according to Department of Public Safety acting commissioner Ambrosio T. Ogomoro yesterday.

From April to June 2010, task force officers arrested 19 persons for methamphetamine or "ice" and six individu-

als for marijuana, Ogomoro said.

During the same period, the task force recovered over 209 grams of "ice" with a street value of \$125,000, and 45 marijuana plants valued at over \$10,000, said police spokesman Jason T. Tarkong.

Tarkong said one of the evidence recovered was a .38 caliber revolver handgun.

"Some of these cases are still pending the judicial process and investigations are ongoing," he said.

Tarkong said the task force's accomplishments are the result of its members' hard work, which included jungle reconnaissance, informants, and tips from the Crime Stoppers Hotline.

The task force consists of DPS and Customs Division investigators.

Ogomoro on Wednesday vowed to continue his campaign against illicit drugs. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

TINIAN

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Alamos National Laboratory; John Coster-Mullen, author and considered by many as a leading source for information on the two atomic bombs; Jim Petersen, founder of the Wendover Air Field Historical Society; Professor Anderson Giles, whose father participated in the invasions of Tinian and Saipan with the 4th Marine Division; and Nancy Bartlit, author and oral historian and past president of the Los Alamos Historical Society, will join over 100 other important guests on the occasion set for Aug. 5 and 6.

On Aug. 5, visitors and speakers will gather at the ballroom of the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino for an educational dialogue called the "The Manhattan Project and Tinian: An Educational Symposium," where the five bomb experts will discuss issues related to the occasion.

Symposium organizer Don Farrell said the commemoration will kick off at 8am with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and U.S. Rep. Gregorio Sablan (D-MP) delivering the opening

remarks.

Putting together all five bomb experts in one occasion, according to Farrell, has never happened before on Tinian. If the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II focused on the Hiroshima victims, Farrell said this year's symposium will focus on the bombs themselves.

According to Wikipedia, "Little Boy" was the codename of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945 by the Boeing B-29 Superfortress *Enola Gay* piloted by Colonel Paul Tibbets. It was the first atomic bomb to be used as a weapon. The second, the "Fat Man", was dropped three days later on Nagasaki.

Farrell disclosed that three of the five special guest speakers are first-timers on Tinian. He expects the historic symposium to end up as a video documentary that will be used for educational purposes.

A book signing will immediately follow the symposium at 5pm while the dinner banquet will begin at 6:30pm.

Farrell disclosed that four-star Gen. Howie Chandler, vice chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force, is also flying in

from the Pentagon to deliver the keynote address.

'Aug. 6 activities'

Saipan Tribune learned that guests and members of the Tinian community are expected at the North Field atomic bomb pits at 8:30am for a memorial service on Aug. 6.

Farrell said the Blue Knights Honor Guard, 36th Wing Andersen AFB, Guam will present the colors, while Pacific Air Forces vice commander Maj. Gen. Douglas Owens will also deliver special remarks.

The laying of wreath at the North Field Historic Monument in memory of all those who perished during the Pacific war will be conducted by Gen. Chandler and Maj. Gen. Owens.

The events and ceremonies will also be broadcast live on Saipan and Rota through video-teleconference provided by the Northern Marianas College.

Farrell said funding for the occasion comes from a grant provided by the NMI Council for the Humanities. Other sponsors include the 17th Tinian Joint Legislative Delegation, IT&E, Tinian Fleming Hotel, and Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino.

PENSION

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This legislative initiative has to be transmitted by the Senate to the Commonwealth Election Commission by Aug. 4 to be included in the Nov. 2 ballot.

Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) said the initiative will be transmitted to the Election Commission shortly.

"We want this to be included in this year's ballot. This government needs to address its obligation to the Retirement Fund; otherwise the [pension] system will collapse and we don't know what the court will do in the future," Manglona told *Saipan Tribune*.

Acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos, who met with the senators Wednesday night upon his arrival on Rota, said passing the legislative initiative is just the first part; the second part is determining the amount to be borrowed.

Acting NMI Retirement Fund administrator Richard Villagomez, legal counsel Viola Alepuyo and acting Fund board of trustees chair Jerry Crisostomo were on Rota for the Senate session.

HLI 17-1, introduced by Rep. Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), will be the third legislative initiative to be placed on the Nov. 2 ballot, when the CNMI also elects for the second time a non-voting delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives.

The initiative does not specify the amount to be borrowed, but lawmakers and a negotiating committee have been saying it could be some \$200 million.

The government's debt to the Fund was already some \$280 million in December 2009 and is still growing.

A court judgment determined that the CNMI central government owes the Retirement Fund over \$231 million in unpaid employer contributions as of

June 2009.

HLI 17-1 adds a new Section 10 to Article X of the CNMI Constitution to authorize the Commonwealth to issue pension obligation bonds.

A pension obligation bond is a debt instrument issued by the government to fund the unfunded actuarially accrued liabilities and convert the accrued liabilities on the government's balance sheet. The lump sum deposit of bond monies directly reduces the accrued liabilities.

Only one senator was absent from yesterday afternoon's session on Rota—Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), who just came back from a leave. The Senate president said Torres could not get a flight to Rota because of full booking for the funeral of the late U.S. Marine Corporal Dave Michael M. Santos yesterday.

Besides the pension obligation bond initiative, the Senate also passed three other bills relating to the Fund.

PAYROLL

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He said the government was able to collect at least \$4.1 million for today's payroll, including those for the central government, the Public School System, Northern Marianas College and the Marianas Visitors Authority.

"We're good for [today]. I can say we're back to normal for purposes of [today's] payroll," Inos told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview shortly before the start of a Mass of Christian Burial at the San Isidro Chapel in Sinapalo, Rota for the late U.S. Marine Corporal Dave Michael M. Santos.

He said the administration has "stabilized the payroll situation" for today.

But he said this means postponing a bit further the payments to private vendors "but we have to get back to those liabilities and start paying them down. I think after the surge in cash collection for the quarter ending July 31st, we

should be able to pay."

He said projected revenue for the third quarter end-June was short by "about half a million dollars," while operating deficit for the first nine months of Fiscal Year 2010 is at \$23 million to \$24 million.

The CNMI experienced a payless payday for most government employees on June 18 due to cash shortage. Only those holding emergency positions like doctors, nurses, police officers, firefighters and corrections officers got paid on time.

In the two succeeding pay periods, all government employees received paper checks instead of electronic transfers for their payroll.

Today will be the first time that the government has reverted to electronic transfer payroll.

Inos expects that it will stay this way from now on, but reiterated the importance of passing the contentious austerity bill which cuts government work hours by eight hours, from 80 to 72 per pay period.

MARINE

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The Marine corporal's wife, 20-year-old Lotty Ann A. Santos, mother Charito Maliksi-Runge, adoptive mother Bella Maratita, family, relatives and friends were in tears every step of the way—from the final viewing to the closing of the casket and interment services.

He also left behind a 3-year-old son. "Every mother couldn't easily accept the loss of a child. I will miss him," said Maliksi-Runge right after the burial. She was almost hysterical when her son's coffin was being buried. People around her were also in tears.

Hundreds paid their last respects to the late Marine corporal, who was born on Rota on May 17, 1989 and who last visited it in April 2009.

In his eulogy, Deron Mendiola said the community "lost a great person" when his best friend passed away.

"I can honestly say that Dave Michael is one of the few people who have walked into my life and changed it. He gave me the opportunity to open up to somebody. I enjoyed the times with Dave Michael and I'm very thankful to have known him," Mendiola said.

Acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Rota Mayor Melchor Mendiola, Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota), House Floor Leader George Camacho, Rota Legislative Delegation chair Sen. Juan Ayuyu, other Senate and House members and the Rota Municipal Council paid tribute to the late Marine corporal and presented his family with commemorative resolutions.

"For a small island like Rota, the loss of a son or daughter is very much felt. That's how closely-knit this community is. This [Santos' passing] is very shocking. We all wish the family would have closure, by way of knowing ex-

actly what happened," Inos later told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview.

Santos was allegedly stabbed and killed on July 15 by a fellow Marine in Marjeh, Helmand Province in Afghanistan, where he was deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division based at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Anthony Atalig said he last saw his son-in-law in May in Texas where he and his family now live.

"He dropped off my daughter before he was about to get redeployed in Afghanistan... Before he left, we wished him good luck and told him to come back alive. But tragedy happened. I couldn't believe this would happen. The whole family wants to know what really happened, why he got killed," Atalig said.

He added that he will be moving back to Texas "when my daughter is ready."

John Santos, one of the late Marine's uncles, said his nephew was a quiet guy, and that it was only a few years back when he learned that his nephew could speak Tagalog.

Dave Michael Santos was born on Rota but he spent childhood years in his mother's hometown of Bacoar, Cavite in the Philippines.

Mayette Maliksi, sister of Dave Michael's mother, also could not hold back her tears.

"I just like to think that he's now an angel, so that I would be able to accept the fact that he's gone," she said.

The late Marine corporal's flag-draped casket was brought from Delaware to Guam early Wednesday morning. A U.S. Marine Corps C-130 brought it Rota around 1:30pm that same day, with some 200 children and adults waiting at the tarmac and the entrance to the airport.

'AZ ruling proves key rules in NMI labor law are preempted'

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Human rights advocate Wendy Doromal said that yesterday's stay order on Arizona's immigration law confirms the position that key provisions within the CNMI labor law are preempted by federal law. She said the Obama administration should hail the Commonwealth to court.

Based on the order issued by Judge Susan Bolton of the U.S. District Court of Arizona, some provisions within the CNMI's Public Laws 15-108 and 17-1 should be challenged, Doromal said in her Unheard No More blog.

Saipan Tribune tried to obtain comments from the Fitial administration, but there was no

response from the Public Information Office as of press time.

Doromal said the CNMI took its local immigration law and re-codified it under a local labor law after federal immigration was applied to the Commonwealth. She said the CNMI also added some provisions that conflict with and are preempted by federal law.

Since Public Law 17-1 (the omnibus immigration law) does create additional alien registration requirements, Doromal said it is "absolutely clear" that it is preempted by federal law.

She pointed out that both the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and the Federal Labor Ombudsman have been telling foreign workers and employers that umbrella per-

mits cannot be revoked, and no worker is required to register with the CNMI Labor.

The CNMI Attorney General and Labor, she said, have defiantly challenged federal agencies and federal law and attacked federal officials who

back the federal law's supremacy clause.

Doromal said Bolton's ruling should apply similarly to CNMI laws that attempt to deny business licenses to employers whose employees have not registered with Labor.

She said the CNMI government has taken a confronta-

tional stance to resist federalization and is using foreign nationals "as pawns in their retaliatory game."

Doromal said the barrier to social justice and economic prosperity continues, even with the passage of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008, because the federal government has

not taken action to stop the CNMI from preempting federal law.

"A tug of war between the CNMI and federal governments is being fought now with innocent foreign workers, other non-citizens and employers being caught in the crossfire of the battle between the two governments," she said.

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PSS mulls hike in price of breakfast and lunch meals

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Citing the increase in shipping costs and the minimum wage, the Public School System is

proposing to raise the price of breakfast and lunch meals it delivers to both public and private schools in the CNMI.

PSS has asked the Board of Education to tuck in an addition

\$0.10 to the \$2 existing price of breakfast meals and a \$0.15 increase in the current \$3 price for lunch meals.

PSS federal programs officer Tim Thornburgh said the board

will decide on the proposal today.

If the board approves it, PSS will start paying its food vendors based on the new rates. Thornburgh said the recommended hike will apply on

Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Rota and Tinian meal vendors will, however, still get higher reimbursements.

Currently, breakfast and lunch meals on Tinian costs \$2.45 and

\$3.95, respectively. On Rota, current rates are \$2.50 for breakfast and \$3.75 for lunch.

Representatives of food vendors who were interviewed yesterday were elated after learning that their concern is being considered by both the PSS and the board.

They said the prices have been stagnant for several years and need to be revisited. The representatives vowed to continue working collaboratively with PSS and adhere to all the standards and requirements to ensure food being served are healthy, nutritious and safe for children.

Meal vendors for PSS include MV Reyes Catering, Kalayaan Inc., Herman's Bakery, Barney's, LSG, and Auntie Mags Food Catering Service.

PSS serves free breakfast and lunch meals to public school students based on eligibility. Students who are not entitled or eligible to free meals pay \$.50 cents for breakfast meals and \$.75 cents for lunch meals. PSS subsidizes the remaining amount to vendors.

The breakfast and lunch meal program is funded under the Nutrition Assistance Grant that provides PSS over \$7.7 million annually.

Garapan building burglarized 4 times

A commercial building in Garapan was burglarized four times this month—believed to be perpetrated by the same suspect or group of burglars.

NMI Crime Stoppers Program coordinator Jason Tarkong said yesterday they are seeking the community's assistance for information about the suspect or suspects who burglarized the Family Building.

Tarkong said the last burglary happened on Thursday, July 22, when the suspect or suspects broke the front glass window of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce on the ground floor of the building.

Tarkong said the window had a large hole and crack.

On July 19, the office window of the US Leakless Office, also on the ground floor of the building, was smashed in.

On July 10, the Scott Magliari & Company, an accounting and auditing firm on the second floor of the building, was burglarized. The front window of the office was smashed and a Gateway computer monitor valued at \$200 was stolen.

The first incident occurred on July 2 when a water pump valued at over \$500 was stolen. The pump was stolen from an enclosed room of the building.

"Police believe the crimes are related and occurred during the late night or early morning hours," Tarkong said.

"DPS Criminal Investigation Bureau and Crime Stoppers are seeking help from the public. Please contact the Crime Stoppers Hotline at 234-7272 should you want to remain anonymous or use our Web site at www.nmi-crimestoppers.com," Tarkong added. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*



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CRM grants permit to Triple J Saipan

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The Coastal Resources Management approved yesterday the major siting permit application of Triple J Saipan, Inc.

Triple J Saipan, Inc. plans to construct Sandy Beach Homes, a 60-unit apartment complex, along San Isidro Avenue in Chalan Kanoa behind the former Pacific Gardenia Hotel.

As part of the construction project, Triple J Saipan, Inc. applied for a major siting permit with CRM.

CRM conducted a public hearing at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center last July 22 regarding the application,

where it received "overwhelming positive response from the public" according to CRM.

In a statement released yesterday, CRM administrator Rita C. Chong said the project exemplifies investors' confidence in the CNMI's economic recovery.

"By undertaking such a huge project costing millions of dollars, Triple J has paved the way for other investors to come in to our islands to help jumpstart our economy," Chong said in the statement.

In a telephone interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, Triple J Saipan representative Michael S. Sablan said they are very pleased with the agency's decision.

"It's very critical that we got CRM's approval, as well as that of Zoning [Board] and [the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation]," he said.

Sablan refers to Triple J Saipan's conditional use application with the zoning office and the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program application with NMHC, both of which were approved.

Triple J Saipan, Inc. also submitted a proposal to the Commonwealth Development Authority regarding the use of the Pacific Gardenia Hotel property for Sandy Beach Homes.

Last Tuesday, the CDA board of directors decided that the proposal needs to be dis-

cussed further.

"We now look forward to the next step to get this project off the ground," said Sablan, adding that they are now working on the financing and funding component of the project.

Sablan said they are overwhelmed by the support they continue to receive from the community regarding the project.

"This is the type of development the community wants to see to improve our economy," he added.

But Sablan emphasized that there are still a lot of steps to be done for the project.

"There is still a lot of work ahead of us and we're going to work on that," said Sablan.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 30, 1999

Teno asked to intervene in Koblerville housing project

Calls to expedite the Koblerville housing expansion continue to grow as Rep. Rosiky F. Camacho, whose precinct covers the area, has asked the governor to flex his muscles to resolve disputes stalling the project. "It appears that the exercising of your executive power is needed in order for this project to commence," he said in his letter to Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio. "This project comes at a time when our economy is in need of a shot in the arm. The infusion of jobs and funds into the economy at this critical time is crucial," added Camacho.

PREL conference builds up a global education network

The construction of a global network of scholars and educators is one of the major accomplishments of the 16th Annual Pacific Education Conference which was concluded yesterday, local officials said. The existence of modern technology such as Internet and e-mail paves the way for the participants to keep their contact and continue their discussions with one another even after the conference. "Even though our islands are divided by waters, that doesn't mean that we should be apart and separate. Education is our unifying force. We could bridge the gap by being together in advancing the interests and well being of our children," said Lt. Gov. Jesus Sablan. Sablan said he was proud that the CNMI has been chosen again to host the conference.

July 30, 2001

Bill 'seduces' educated locals to return home

Alarmed over the increasing trend of people studying outside the Commonwealth and staying outside, the Senate recently passed a legislative initiative that aims to create a recruitment program targeting CNMI citizens who have earned college degrees off island. Senate Legislative Initiative 12-6, SD1 primarily seeks to amend the CNMI's Constitution, particularly the provisions on the annual appropriation, to set aside 5 percent of the total annual budget for the recruitment program. According to Sen. Pedro P. Reyes, the initiative's author, many younger citizens of the CNMI who have gone abroad to study and have finished their college degrees are reluctant to return as there are no incentives or opportunities for them here.

Fate of lobby contract known today

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio is set to announce today his decision whether to renew the contract of the lobby group in Washington D.C. that is bannering the Commonwealth's efforts in blocking the passage of so-called anti-CNMI laws at the US Congress. During an interview Friday, Tenorio said that he will come out today with his decision whether to renew the contract of Jack Abramoff of the lobby group Greenberg Traurig-a day before the contract expires on July 31. "I have already discussed the matter extensively with my staff and I intend to come out with a decision on the matter on Monday," he said.

July 30, 2002

Babauta, execs get first dibs on BoS report

Consultants hired by Bank of Saipan receiver Randall Fennell presented to Commonwealth officials and major government depositors their recommendations on the possible fates that await the troubled bank during a closed-door meeting yesterday afternoon. The same report will be presented today at the CNMI Superior Court at 8:30am. All officials, including Fennell, refused to discuss with the media any specifics on the presentation, besides saying that these will all be disclosed during today's presentation at the court. Commerce Secretary and Banking Commissioner Fermin S. Atalig said the consultants, Nick Griffin of Griffin and Company and Robert Rogowski of Columbia Pacific, just presented to them their findings and recommendations after an almost month-long probe and analysis into the financial records of the bank.

Rotary to raise \$10K for Chuuk

The Rotary Club of Saipan will take over four radio stations on Saipan tomorrow in a one-hour marathon fundraising event aimed at collecting \$10,000 for the typhoon victims in Chuuk. Saipan Rotary Club President Ed Salas disclosed yesterday that a series of fundraising efforts are slated this week to assist victims of Typhoon Chata'an. Chuuk, which was heavily devastated by the recent typhoon, is in need of medical supplies. Salas said the primary goal of the Rotary Club is to raise a substantial amount that would assist the Chuuk government in procuring the needed items.



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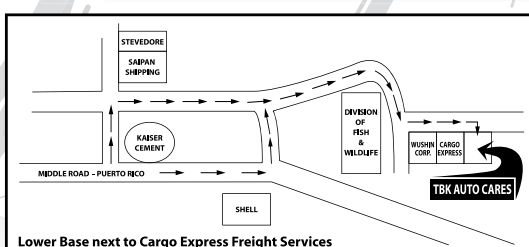
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Seeing shouldn't necessarily mean believing

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In an age when photos are doctored with ease and video can be edited so people appear to do or say outrageous things, seeing no longer is believing. Just because information appears on the Internet doesn't necessarily mean it's credible or factual.

Even if information is blatantly fabricated, the Internet's viral coverage gives it the potential to become widely accepted as truth and provoke the outrage that its fabricators seek. This manufactured anger only helps fuel extremism and split our nation further.

Nationally, we saw last week how selective video editing can destroy careers. Shirley Sherrod, a black U.S. Agriculture Department employee, was shown in an edited clip speaking at an NAACP gathering, appearing to justify racial intolerance as she recalled dealing with a financially struggling white farmer. After the doctored clip appeared on the Big Government website, she lost her job. The unedited clip shows her explaining that this was actually her moment of realization about the harm of racial intolerance.

The clip surfaced amid controversy over the NAACP's condemnation of racist elements within the tea party movement. What was lost in the fray was the very positive sign that tea party and NAACP leaders were working to find common ground and publicly distance themselves from their more extremist actors. If only that message of sane political dialogue had seized the headlines instead.

In Texas, dirty campaigns by the two agriculture commissioner candidates underscore the Internet's destructive power. Democrat Hank Gilbert and GOP incumbent Todd Staples are waging a disinformation war on their dueling websites, Sleazysleazystaples.com and Guiltyguiltygilbert.com. Worse, the campaigns condense their messages and send them out via Twitter for those who sadly look to 140-character tweets for political guidance.

Anyone can play this game and achieve the result of destroying lives, ruining political careers or maybe even getting someone killed. For these distortionists to gain traction, though, they must find willing cohorts within the Internet community of bloggers and chain e-mailers.

This is a crucial aspect of the civility challenge: If something you read on the Internet seems really outrageous and makes your blood boil, step back and ask whether reputable news organizations are reporting the same item. If not, ask why. Make sure it is factual. Challenge the source before succumbing to manufactured outrage.

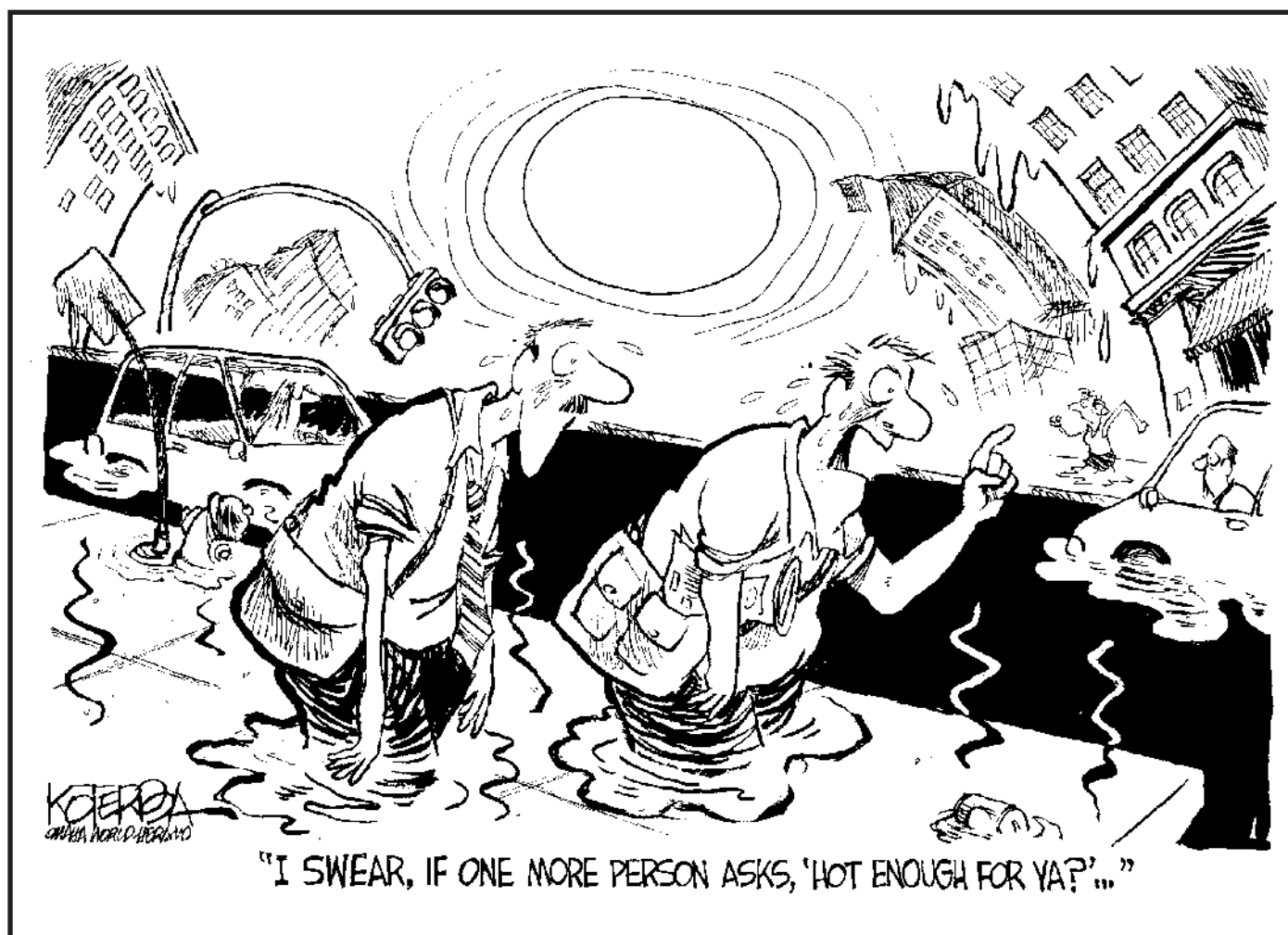
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■ President Obama derided war veterans as selfish whiners for complaining about having to pay for own combat-related injuries. (Circulated April 2009, denied by White House)

■ Actor Denzel Washington wrote a check on the spot to fully fund a burn unit after touring Brooke Army Medical Center "the other day," and major news media failed to report it. (originated December 2006, denied by the actor)

■ Health care reform bill includes exclusion for Muslims that allows them to benefit from coverage without paying taxes or penalties—a means of helping Muslims take over America. (Circulated in March but appears nowhere in the legislation)

SOURCES: Factcheck.org, truthorfiction.com, snopes.com



Some good news

There is some good news on the immigration front. One important change is a shortened wait for visa processing for permanent residents' spouses and children. Another is that USCIS has proposed (but not yet implemented) a fee waiver to assist qualified people with limited financial resources to apply for U.S. immigration benefits. We will discuss each of these new developments in turn.

Expedited visa processing for immediate relatives of green card holders

U.S. lawful permanent residents (LPRs) can petition for green cards for their spouses and for their unmarried children who are under the age of 21. (U.S. citizens, but not LPRs, can also petition for their parents.) The problem has always been that it takes so long for the government to process the applications of the immediate relatives that many people are discouraged from trying. During November 2009, for example, when U.S. immigration replaced the CNMI immigration system, the government was processing applications filed for these immediate relatives on or before Aug. 15, 2005 for most countries, a waiting period of more than four years—and even longer for Mexican citizens. As recently as May 2010, the cutoff date had only advanced to Dec. 1, 2006, roughly three and a half years (again, longer for Mexicans).

But suddenly the magic date is moving forward dramatically each month. In June, the processing date for most LPRs' spouses and children moved from December 2006 to Jan. 1, 2008; excepting Mexico and the Dominican Republic. In June, the date advanced to July 1, 2008. And for August, it is anticipated to move up to March 1, 2009, except for Mexicans and Dominicans. (Those groups are moving up, too—just not as fast.)

This is good news, and big news. The good news is that for the first time, LPRs can petition for their spouses and children, and can expect to have their petitions adjudicated in about 16 months, not much longer than U.S. citizens' immediate relative petitions were being decided just a few years ago. The big news for LPRs living in the CNMI is that if they file petitions for spouses and children now, there is a good chance that these petitions will be finished before Nov. 27, 2011, or not long after.

The government also has been clearing the backlogs of applications in other categories, such as the unmarried adult children of U.S. citizens and LPRs, but the wait time for people in these other categories is still too long for general celebration. In August, for example, the overall wait for processing applications for unmarried adult children of U.S. citizens will still be five years, with 1992 and 1996 processing dates for Mexican and Philippine citizens.

If you are an LPR or a U.S. citizen and want to track the progress in processing dates for your relatives, check out the Department of State's monthly Visa Bulletin at http://www.travel.state.gov/visa/bulletin/bulletin_1360.html. You can access the Visa Bulletin for any month from 1995 through August 2010.

IMMIGRATION FORUM

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Special to the Saipan Tribune



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USCIS publishes proposed new fee waiver form

As we have been told many times by our friends at USCIS, "the agency is a kinder, gentler but nevertheless a fee generating agency." This usually comes when we ask for a fee refund on behalf of a client for one reason or another. The answer is typically "no." However, it now appears that there is some willingness by USCIS to consider some individual applicants' financial circumstances, even at the risk of losing some revenue. The current aggregate government filing fee for a green card is \$1,365 (plus about \$300 for a medical exam, but that's not a government fee). Filing fees are scheduled to increase by about 10 percent on Sept. 1. If the applicant hires an attorney to assist with the application process, there are attorney's fees in addition. All in all, applying for a green card involves a significant commitment of financial resources for anyone. This is a much greater burden to foreign worker applicants from the CNMI because of the \$4.55 per hour minimum wage rate and the accompanying generally depressed wage scale.

We, and others involved in immigration policy, recognized long before Nov. 29, 2009, that filing fees would constitute a significant obstacle for many otherwise eligible CNMI applicants. We discussed the possibility of fee waiver at length at stakeholder meeting and other venues. The uniform response from USCIS was that we were free to apply for a waiver of fees for our clients and that the matter would be adjudicated on a case by case basis. So we generally did not apply for a fee waiver except in circumstances where it was expressly provided, such as abused spouses self petitioning under the Violence Against Women Act, and in especially compelling cases such as indigent widows and T-visa and U-visa applicants. But there were no clear guidelines as to who was and who was not eligible for a fee waiver.

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The Dong Feng 21D missile

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Since Saipan has a front row seat to the germinating Asian arms race, it's time for an update. Let's take a look at China's Dong Feng 21D missile. This is the hot story in Pacific naval news.

We'll call this weapon the DF-21D for short and, while I'm stirring up alphabet soup, I'll note that the DF-21D is an ASBM, which means "Anti Ship Ballistic Missile."

Stars and Stripes, a newspaper for the U.S. military, said this in a May 12 Web article: "If its targeting system proves accurate, the Dong Feng would rank as the world's first mobile, land-based missile capable of hitting a moving aircraft carrier from nearly 2,000 miles away, depending on its payload and other factors."

Various other sources mention potential ranges anywhere from about 1,240 miles to 1,860 miles depending on who you're listening to.

Anyway, to put things in perspective, Guam, the key military element in the Marianas, is about 1,800 miles from the mainland Chinese coast. So it's no accident that Guam is very much being mentioned in the context of the DF-21D, since Guam is a benchmark for the potential upper limit of range.

But let's not ignite any hysteria among the populace. We're talking ships here, not land. As for land, Guam and Saipan have for a long time been within range of at least three strategic arsenals (U.S., Russia, China). So this DF-21D business doesn't change that fact one little bit.

Anyway, range is moot if a missile can't hit its target, and that's where the DF-21D gets mighty interesting. You might as well pour yourself a big cup of conjecture, because that's pretty much all we've got here.

There's a lot of speculation about how the DF-21D would home in on a moving aircraft carrier in the weapon's terminal phase of guidance. Sure, the initial launch is no problem, it'll get the warhead in the ballpark. But a ballpark hit isn't good enough, this missile will need updated guidance when it's fine-tuning its dash to home base. That's the make or break deal here.

Would the warhead be able to guide itself to its target using strictly on-board systems? Or, instead, would it need to receive data from an external source? That's fueling all sorts of debates at the officers' club, I'm sure. Well, I'll take a swig of conjecture here: My guess is that the missile designers will go belt-and-suspenders on the terminal guidance, using both external and stand-alone means as independent methods.

On one hand, navigation satellites can provide awesome results, and over the horizon radars are getting pretty good. But such external sources are only useful if their data reaches their client (the warhead, in this case) safely. I have no idea if the U.S. Navy can do the necessary signals jamming in the DF-21D context around an aircraft carrier, but the Navy is unrivaled in its ECM (Electronic Counter Measures) capabilities. So my bet is that no missile designer worth his pocket protector would rely exclusively on getting a clean external signal for terminal guidance. I'm keeping in mind that if a DF-21D is launched, the U.S. Navy will know about it immediately, and would no doubt saturate the target area with all sorts of ECM nasties.

In PRAXIS we trust

By **JAIME VERGARA**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Last Saturday, I joined a few PSS colleagues to NMC to take PRAXIS tests. For a year, I wrestled down the management of an irritating spondylosis (spur on the upper cervical bones) that made me sever ties with my employ at San Vicente Elementary School. Thinking that I might parley whatever remaining pedagogical skills I can muster, I headed out to north, central, coastal and south China hoping to land a decent English language position that can made me serenely sunset my remaining years. No such luck.

The Western world has discovered China. Its denizens are in the cheap in China's countryside available for the hiring as long as they can linger on the inexpensive cost of living with the natives. More so now that the global recession has hit everyone, and China's domestic spending is at a premium high. Also, I have indelible traces of *Pinoy* accent to my Queen's English, and the alleged egalitarian ethos of Mao's revolution had barely scratched the surface of Sino racism. The Middle Kingdom is not color blind when it comes to its English teachers and unless one's lineage appears traceable to the Caucasus Mountains, one's English is below grade.

Besides, we are about to celebrate the birth anniversary of Little Boy of Tinian this August; we are clear that the remaining sprite in our stride is no longer of the spring chicken variety. We are by *man'amko* standard, way past retiring. And in China, people way past their *lao ye ye* (grandfather) years are honored but seldom hired.

We offered our services back to PSS and HR put my status on active in their files. I had considered teaching Social Studies at the high school level but I was told when there was an opening that I would have to be remunerated at an entry level at best, or a substitute level at worst, since my standard teaching certification was only for K-6. I needed to take pass PRAXIS for the higher-grade levels.

Thus, the day's rendezvous at NMC for PRAXIS destiny. Given age and experience, and the general content knowledge associated with Social Studies, I skipped the anxiety-laden review phase. If I did not know 50 percent of my material, I rationalized, I did not have any business teaching the course. Multiple choice testing, when prepared well, usually has two out of four choices set up to be recognizably wrong answers. That leaves two remaining choices and, given the law of probability, guessing would give a 50 percent

return, so on a sunny day I should correctly respond to 75 percent of the questions, good enough for the required levels at PSS.

The first early morning testing slot was scheduled for 7:30am, or so the schedule sheet I received from the test administrator ETS showed me. Bright and bushy tailed, I showed up properly caffeinated and No. 2 lead pencils sharpenedly-equipped way ahead of time. Getting to the designated room, however, I thought my suspected Alz might have caused me to miss the day. It was less than 10 minutes to the hour when our proctor finally showed up. And why not? After all, tropical island time (known as mango, papaya, or coconut, in my circle) says that *when it is ripe, it will fall*. It helped that I make it my spiritual discipline to harness my addiction to punctilious time meditatively manageable.

Property management at NMC either has a sadistic sense of humor, or was putting repairs on Saturday in their schedule. The restrooms next to the A-building only had the ladies room functional. The men's section was yellow-ribboned and boarded out of commission. Unfamiliar with the lay of the land, I had to seek out other pots of comfort short of going behind the closest broad-trunked tree. Found one west of the cafeteria.

That's when I bumped into an old acquaintance who immediately apologized for her frequent appearance at the PRAXIS test sites. I am always one or two points short, she apologized, and I wanted to let her know that her long tenure in the classroom and her passion for her trade counted more in my scheme of things than meeting the requirements of cubby-holed pencil-pushing assessors in Princeton, New Jersey. Of course, that was no consolation for the hefty salary slice she received a couple of years back when BoE implemented its stringent 'In PRAXIS We Trust' policy.

I remember two of my lively fellow teachers in San Vicente who had to suffer the social indignity and logistical consequences of failure to hurdle their required PRAXIS. By all measures through assessment of their students, they were doing fine, but did that make any difference? Nah! Maybe now, with the new BoE finally allowing other 'stringent assessment measures' to be considered in lieu of PRAXIS, we might find a little elbow room for reality rather than bureaucratic standards to see the light. Maybe. But who cares? If ACT does not give a hoot, why should anyone? After all, this rigmarole has more to do with central office grant-compliance rather than frontline efficacy of pedagogy.

This brings us back to everyone's favorite cause (public and private officials): education. But let us not go there, for now. The irony in our case is that, even if we passed the two tests we just took, and even if PSS HR says that we are short of HQT teachers, I am not guaranteed a hire. We are still steep on hiring teachers to qualify our dancers, singers, poets, dreamers and explorers into the stratified ranks of the industrial revolution—to hire out for a corporate job, or standardized test-passing capable, when we could be dealing with the old but more relevant issue on how we can grow our young to become entrepreneurial humans. *Cogito ergo sum*. That, or, take a manual and please follow the instructions.

On the other head, to put all the terminal guidance chores on the warhead itself in a stand-alone fashion, well, that's a tall order for a ballistic missile. Thus far, most ballistic missile designs have been concerned with getting a nuclear warhead reasonably close to a static land target; getting within 130 feet is considered darned good shooting for a run of the mill, land-attack Dong Feng. But that's not nearly good enough for an ASBM.

If you think your life is rough, try being a ballistic missile warhead. Specifications vary widely, but a typical warhead will sizzle along at 15,000 mph or so at peak speed, and when it re-enters the atmosphere it can encounter 19,000 degrees Fahrenheit of friction heat. That's not exactly a hospitable environment for delicate sensors and guidance stuff.

So, as you can see, it's a big job. A huge job. And, thus far, maybe an impossible job, since nobody has proven otherwise.

But maybe it was just impossible because nobody tried hard enough. Well, the DF-21D appears to be quite a serious effort indeed.

Today we looked at the hardware side of the weapon. But, in an upcoming column, we'll take a look at the strategic ramifications, which are mighty substantial. I'm thinking Cold War Europe, not modern Asia, for a case study, and it leads me to a surprising conclusion.

So stay tuned. Interesting times, these.

ALL IN GOOD TIME

An epilogue for the Time Capsule of Cupaloy: 70 years after its conception

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Conclusion

For the first time in our recorded history one of tens of millions of species within Earth's biota passed some simply stunning thresholds. In the past 70 years, a mere nanosecond in the history of the Cosmos, the homo sapiens animal has:

- walked on the moon;
- completed the mapping and colonization of all habitable lands on Earth;
- discerned the ideas and made the tools enabling the engineering of wonders that once would have been declared to be magic;
- survived, for the moment, the first genocidal test with technology in the decision not to incinerate the total of mankind with nuclear weapons;
- glimpsed the nature and function of DNA-based biological forms, enabling the healing and experimentation with the mystery of life;
- organized a transportation system enabling vast numbers to explore every part of the world;
- invented a completely new form of assisted communications—the "Internet"—which has now engaged the collective mind of Western and other civilizations;
- imagined what it would be like to voyage across space and time;
- suspected the existence of evidence that Earth is possibly not the only life-bearing world in the Cosmos.

The American public and other nationalities have seen or heard of all of these amazing accomplishments.

We know from life's message that time flies and draws us with it—the moment in which you read this is already far from you—never to return.

On a deeper level, time is a mystery, a phenomena that can be measured but not seen or sensed. Yet we humans have some strange need to wish to preserve time—or the memories it engendered and sometimes we put them in Time Capsules.






In conclusion, when I started this series I described my reasons for researching this obscure subject for presentation to a club of which I'm a member.

Having read many of the writings of island youth I'm greatly impressed with their ability and most recently the Attorney General's competition. I thought perhaps an organization such as I described in part one, the Anvil Club, might be of interest to some on Saipan to copy. I hope so.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Breezy with occasional rain. East winds 12 to 19 mph.	Partly sunny with a shower	A couple of showers	Mostly cloudy, afternoon rain	Rain
▲86° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°	▲86° ▼76°	▲85° ▼77°	▲85° ▼77°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Mostly Cloudy	▲88 ▼77
Palau	Showers	▲85 ▼78
Yap	Showers	▲87 ▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲83 ▼77
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲88 ▼75
Kosrae	Rain	▲90 ▼80
Majuro	Showers	▲87 ▼79

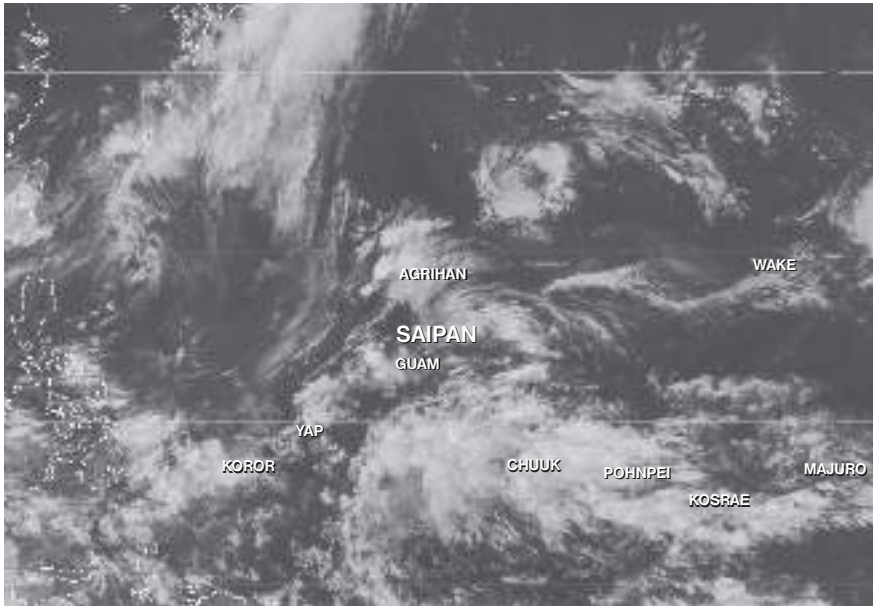
Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲56 ▼49
Beijing	Sunny	▲99 ▼85
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲89 ▼83
Honolulu	Sunny	▲87 ▼75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲74 ▼64
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲74 ▼62
Manila	Thundershowers	▲89 ▼79
Melbourne	Showers	▲60 ▼48
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲92 ▼80
New York	Thundershowers	▲90 ▼69
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲92 ▼81
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲79 ▼58
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲87 ▼77
Rome	Rain	▲84 ▼66
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲86 ▼54
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲59 ▼52
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲89 ▼77
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲89 ▼78
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲90 ▼72

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
4:30 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet	
9:37 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet	
4:19 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet	
10:43 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2010

Western North Pacific between Equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper-level trough extends northeastward from 10N139E to an upper low near 24N152E then continues to the east-southeast toward Wake Island near 19N167E and then eastward to the date line. Low-level convergence enhanced by upper-level divergence along the trough axis has produced scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms in four different areas. The first is west-southwest of Guam, within 40 miles along a line from 12N138E to 13N143. The second is across the CNMI, within an area bounded by 15N to 22N and 142E to 147E. The third area is east of Minami Tori Shima, in an area bounded by 21N to 25N and 148E to 153E. The fourth is east-northeast of Wake island, between 20N to 24N and 170E and 176E. Trade-wind convergence is producing a cluster of showers and isolated thunderstorms over and west of Palau.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:59 AM	6:48 PM
Saturday	5:59 AM	6:48 PM
Sunday	5:59 AM	6:47 PM
Monday	6:00 AM	6:47 PM
Tuesday	6:00 AM	6:46 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	9:17 PM	9:00 AM
Saturday	9:52 PM	9:46 AM
Sunday	10:29 PM	10:33 AM
Monday	11:09 PM	11:22 AM
Tuesday	11:52 PM	12:13 PM

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SAIPAN-NAGOYA DL640 7:40am 10:20am Daily	NAGOYA-SAIPAN DL641 9:10pm 1:40am+1 Daily
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX) OZ119 4:00am 6:40am Daily	OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN OZ120 9:50pm 2:20am+1 Daily
SAIPAN-BEIJING CA988 3:15am 6:55am 1, 5	BEIJING-SAIPAN CA987 6:40pm 1:55am+1 4, 7
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SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG) FM844 2:50am 5:40am 2, 6	SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN FM843 7:15pm 1:50am+1 1, 5
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Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
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GOOD NEWS

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On July 15, 2010, USCIS published a proposed new form, I-912 Fee Waiver Request, with accompanying instructions. In the official USCIS news release, USCIS Director Alejandro Mayorkas stated: "Our goal in introducing this form is to provide clarity and consistency in our efforts to provide relief for financially disadvantaged individuals seeking immigration benefits." The public is invited to make comments on the new proposed waiver and the comment period closes on September 13, 2010. To view the actual proposed form I-912, instructions, comments already made, or to make comments of your own, go to <http://tinyurl.com/2w2f3gc>.

The proposed new fee waiver would apply to most types of applications, such as: Form I-90 (to replace a lost green card); Form I-751 (to remove conditions on residence); Form I-765 (employment authorization); various forms relative to naturalization. For a complete list of benefits to which a fee waiver may be applicable, see the link above.

Of greatest interest to our clients and readers is the availability of fee waiver for green card applications, known as Form I-485 (Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status). Unfortunately, fee waivers in this context are limited to the following:

1. T-visa status applicants (victims of human trafficking);
2. U-visa status applicants (victims of serious crimes assisting prosecution);
3. Applicants with asylum status in the U.S.;
4. Applicants who have approved VAWA status, and their immediate relatives;
5. Other special categories not applicable to the CNMI.

Applicants in the above selected categories still must show financial hardship in order to receive a waiver. Financial hardship can be shown if: (a) the applicant is receiving a needs based public benefit; or (b) the applicant's household income is below the Federal Poverty Guidelines; or (c) the applicant has an extraordinary economic situation (e.g. catastrophic medical bills or the like).

So the bottom line is that the fee waiver proposal is not such good news after all for the ordinary CNMI foreign worker who is looking to apply for a green card based on a family relationship to a U.S. citizen or a green card holder. Unless the applicant is in one of the very few special categories, the fee waiver will not apply. Simply having insufficient income to pay the filing fees is not a basis for a waiver. We think that USCIS has not sufficiently considered the economic realities of the CNMI. We think that a fee

waiver should be available to applicants who are employed full time and earn the federal minimum wage for the CNMI.

Opportunity to make comments

We urge that you make com-

ments on the proposed fee waiver prior to Sept. 13, 2010. Written comments and suggestions should be directed to: the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), USCIS, Chief, Regulatory Products Division, 111 Massachusetts Avenue NW,

Washington, DC 20529-2210. Comments may also be submitted to DHS via facsimile to 202-272-8352 or via e-mail at rfs.regs@dhs.gov. When submitting comments by e-mail, please make sure to add **OMB Control No. 1615-New** in the subject line.

The information contained in this column is intended as general information only, and not as individual legal advice. Readers should obtain professional legal advice before taking action with respect to their individual situations. Readers

may submit questions regarding federalization or immigration issues to the authors by email to lexmarianas@pti-com.com. Readers may also e-mail written questions through the Saipan Tribune at editor@saipantribune.com.



Learn more about...

NMC's Accreditation

As announced earlier, NMC was placed on show cause on June 30, 2010. The following questions and responses provide additional information to further explain "show cause" and NMC's accreditation.

Q: Is NMC still accredited?

A: Yes. The recent decision by the accrediting commission to place NMC on Show Cause does not change NMC's accreditation status. NMC is still an accredited institution. The College remains committed to offering a high-quality education and excellent student services.

Q: What is accreditation?

A: Accreditation is a status given to an educational institution that has been found to meet or exceed certain standards of educational quality. The agency that accredits NMC is the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), which is part of the Western Association of Schools

Q: Why does accreditation matter?

A: Accreditation matters because it helps to 1) assure the quality of the programs and services that NMC offers, and 2) it fosters and encourages institutional advancement. It also qualifies NMC for certain kinds of federal funds (for example, grants and financial aid).

Q: What does Show Cause Status mean?

A: Show Cause is ordered when the accrediting commission finds an institution to be in substantial non-compliance with its eligibility requirements, standards, or commission policies, or when the institution has not responded to the conditions imposed by the commission.

Q: Why is NMC on Show Cause?

A: ACCJC found that NMC is not in compliance with ACCJC Eligibility Requirements (ERs) and Standards in three general areas: Institutional Autonomy from Outside Interference, Institutional Financial Management and Integrity, and Institutional Governance.

Q: What will happen next?

A: The Northern Marianas College has been asked by ACCJC to submit a report by October 15, 2010 to show what steps the College has taken to address the Commission's concerns. The submission of the report will be followed by a visit from ACCJC representatives.

Q: What is NMC doing to overcome the Show Cause status?

A: Students, staff, faculty and the members of the Board of Regents have overcome show cause before and are confident that NMC's accreditation will be reaffirmed again. The Interim President will be assembling the College's management team to formulate a strategy to achieve affirmation. In the meantime, those who wish to view updates of NMC's accreditation efforts can log on to www.nmcnet.edu.

Q: Can I still register for classes?

A: Yes. Again, NMC is still fully accredited and committed to delivering excellent student services.

Q: Do my classes qualify for transfer?

A: Yes. Credits to other educational institutions will continue to transfer based on the receiving institution's criteria. NMC's counseling office will also continue to assist students with the credit transfer process by providing additional information and documentation regarding course descriptions and curricula.

Q: What happens to my financial aid?

A: Nothing. NMC's accredited status continues and students' financial aid will not be affected.

Q: Where can I find out more information about accreditation?

A: Accreditation updates are regularly posted at NMC's website at www.nmcnet.edu. You can also log on to www.accjc.org for more information about the accrediting commission.



Northern Marianas College

Updated: July 07, 2010

Letters to the Editor

Changes to WIA screening process

My name is Nemesianne Gabi and I am 15 years old. I was born and raised here on Saipan. Well, I wanted to write about my concerns with the Workforce Investment Agency. It is my understanding that only those with ages 14 to about 20 are allowed to enter this program. I guess that chances of you working for

this program are also based on your income.

Last year I applied for this program and I was not officially chosen for either first or second batch but was put on the waiting list. After the first batch was over, about a week or two I was called in and luckily I got the job! Working independently was one of the biggest steps that I ever took and based on my experience, I now look forward to my future career, hopefully in the law enforcement as a cop.

Now the summer is out again. Before summer, I applied with WIA for my second try and turned in my papers. I have a nephew (age 15) who also applied for the first time but he turned in his papers a little later than I did. I also have an older cousin (age 20) who applied and this will be her third try under WIA.

When the news came out, to my shock again I was not chosen officially for either two batches. My nephew and cousin, however, were chosen. I was not the only one rejected for I have a few friends who were denied but had older relatives who were selected.

The situation here is that we all feel that WIA should make a little adjustment in their way of selecting because both my friend's and my relative who were chosen this year are older and have worked in real jobs not under WIA. The other thing is that they are out of school. We minors are still being sent to

school by a certain time and we need to get our supplies before the year starts. The people in charge of WIA should see that the older you are, the higher the chances for you to get your own permanent job or even part-time! I'm 15 and I can't even get a part-time job, at least for the summer. I would have to be 16. My older cousin who was selected this year has worked in Joeten full-time. It appears to me that she knows how to get a job by herself and so she won't be needing training, especially under WIA. My other friend whose older sister was chosen to work this year also tried hav-

ing a full-time job and she did this by herself.

The purpose for this program is to train young adults for the opportunity to get a job. I and my friends think that the people in charge of this program should make a big adjustment to this little situation. We feel that they should let inexperienced applicants be first priority. The older and graduated applicants should be the ones on the waiting list. If they could take this into consideration, then we all hope that it could change for the better.

Nemesianne Gabi
Susupe, Saipan

Support Ms. Hinds


Finally, there's a big commotion between Ms. Kimberly-King-Hinds and the Tinian Gaming commissioners over funding, salary, hiring, and spending practices. This writer encourages Ms. Hinds to continue the constant flow of bombardment to the commission members until they submit themselves to Mayor Dela Cruz. Ms. Hinds needs the support and cooperation of everyone on Tinian in order to bring out the truths about how the taxpayers' monies are being spent by the commission. Ms. Hinds is doing the right thing because she deeply cares for her fellow Tinianese and island where she grew up.

According to Smokey Bear, a house where there's smoke is always a house where there's fire.

Right now, the Tinian Gaming Commission is on fire and may be under continuous fire in the future. Now the tide is streaming against the gaming commissioners. The clock is ticking and time is running out and I'm sure that Ms. Hinds is not going to give up until someone says, "Mr. Mayor, we give up, you are the man, forgive us, yes, cut the annual salaries of the Tinian gaming commissioners and if possible, include the legal counsel."

Let's welcome and appreciate Ms. Hinds' gutsy effort for the good people of Tinian. The time has come for change to start coming into practice on Tinian.

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Husband and wife Tatiana S. Ilmova and Ivan Ilmov pose in front of one of their products. Located on Middle Road next to Transamerica, Island Bath and Ceramics will have its grand opening tomorrow, Saturday.

ISLAND BATH AND CERAMICS

Smarten up your bathroom

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

Many a tourist have fallen in love and continue to fall in love with the beauty and splendor of Saipan. Some keep coming back as tourists, while some opt to dwell on this island paradise. Tatiana S. Ilmova is one of those who now call Saipan her home.

When Ilmova first came to Saipan for a holiday along with husband Ivan Ilmov and daughter Anastasia Ilmova a few years ago, she instantly fell in love with the island, with its "unbelievably friendly" people. "Here, people always smile, they're always kind," Ilmova said.

In 2008, she and her family decided to relocate to this tropical Eden and with it the idea to give people on the island options to make their house—particularly the bathrooms—more pleasing to the eyes. That desire gave birth to Island Bath and Ceramics.

"[The] bathroom is a good place for relaxation. A bathroom should be a place where you can relax. It's relaxing if it looks nice," says Ilmova.

Island Bath and Ceramics certainly has that in mind, with a variety of styles and designs for products that can doll up your bathroom. From faucets and toilets to bathtubs and shower rooms, Island Bath and Ceramics caters to all your bathroom needs.

Different types of bathroom sinks are available and prices range from \$68 to \$98. One can already avail of a nice bathtub for only over \$400.

Island Bath and Ceramics also offers an assorted lineup of toilets for as low as \$125, all of which are water-saving and eco-friendly.

For the pleasure-seeking is-

landers, shower rooms that have features like foot and back massage, handle and rain shower, radio, remote control, and even telephone are also available.

Island Bath and Ceramics takes pride in its ceramic tiles collection, which gives bathroom owners elegant and matching wall and floor tiles.

"Our main goal when we opened the store was to combine good quality with reasonable price. This is the most important thing we wanted to do and I think we did it. In our shop, all our items are of good quality and can meet the needs of local people with different budgets," says Ilmova.

Ilmova says she did not think twice when she opened a business despite the economic recession on Saipan. "When they see a new business open, they would feel that the economy would be better."

She believes that the situation regarding the federalization of local immigration is only a temporary encumbrance, expressing her brimming faith in this island paradise.

"This island has a great potential. It's really a pleasant island. People here are really amazing," she adds.

Ilmova says they had a soft opening for their store in May, but only got all of their items recently. In line with this, they will be holding a grand opening tomorrow, July 31 and customers can avail of 5- to 20-percent discounts on bathroom fixtures.

Located on Middle Road next to Transamerica, Island Bath and Ceramics is open from Mondays through Saturdays, 9am to 5pm.

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11 defunct garment factories sue the US govt

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REPORTER

Eleven former garment factories on Saipan are suing the U.S. government to recover allegedly wrongfully assessed Social Security and Medicare taxes that were erroneously paid between 2004 and 2007.

The defunct factories, through counsels Gregory J. Koebel and Alexis Fallon, said they erroneously paid the taxes (collectively called FICA) to the U.S. government for their respective accounts (employer's FICA tax).

The plaintiffs asserted that they erroneously withheld the taxes from the wages of their

then employees and paid to the U.S. government.

The former garment factories are the American Pacific Textile Inc., Grace International Inc., Handsome Textiles (Saipan) Corp., Hansae (Saipan) Inc., Marianas Garment Manufacturing Inc., Michigan Inc., Neo Fashion Inc., Sam Kwang Saipan Corp., Top Fashion Corp., Uno Moda Corp., and U.S. CNMI Development Corp.

Koebel and Fallon asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to order the U.S. government to reimburse the plaintiffs of the employers' share of FICA taxes.

The plaintiffs demanded at-

torneys' fees, litigation expenses, and court costs.

The lawyers also asked the court to certify them as class representatives of their employees whose wages were withheld and paid as taxes.

Koebel and Fallon stated in the complaint that the defendant wrongfully assessed and compelled payment from plaintiffs of FICA taxes as a percentage of the wages paid to the employees in each of the years 2004 through 2007.

"During these years, the assessment, deduction, and payment of these FICA taxes were not required by and were contrary to law," the lawyers said.

Ex-convict allegedly beats up boy

Police arrested on Wednesday night in Koblerville an ex-convict who allegedly beat up a 13-year-old boy who went for a walk with his dog at the Koblerville Housing in May.

Charlie K. Misaro, 21, was arrested for assault and battery, and disturbing the peace. Bail was set at \$200 cash bail and \$800 unsecured bond.

The victim reportedly had a lacerated lip, bleeding nose, and swollen left cheek.

Superior Court presiding judge Robert Naraja prohibited Misaro from drinking any alco-

holic beverages.

Naraja also quashed a bench warrant issued to Misaro for not appearing at a review hearing.

Detective Sabino P. Cabrera stated in his report that on May 30, 2010, at 5am, the boy went for a walk with his dog on the street in front of his residence in Koblerville.

Upon reaching house number K-26B, the boy heard clapping sounds and saw Misaro standing near a trash can calling him.

When the boy approached, the suspect confronted him for allegedly talking bad about him. When the boy said he was going home, Misaro allegedly pulled him about 40 feet to a yard between two houses, then punched him repeatedly.

Misaro also allegedly held the victim in a headlock. A man approached and separated the two, then asked the boy to run home.

In February 2009, the Superior Court imposed a one-year probation on Misaro for punching a car owned by Edward M. Muna, causing damage to the trunk lid.

Misaro is employed in Hawaii and is currently on Saipan to visit his mother and stepfather. (Ferdie de la Torre)

Japanese movie films on Saipan

The Northern Mariana Islands is expected to receive over \$22-million worth of media exposure through *Oba the Last Samurai*, a Japanese major motion picture based on Saipan.

The movie chronicles the experience of Sakae Oba, the last member of the Japanese Imperial Army to surrender to U.S. forces on Saipan after the World War II Battle of the Marianas.

The movie is scheduled for release in February 2011 at over 300 theaters in Japan. While much of the filming is being done in Thailand, a seven-member film crew visited Saipan this month to shoot specific sites for the movie. These included Mt. Tapochau, the highest mountain on the island providing a 360-degree view, and Banzai Cliff, where hundreds of Japanese jumped to their deaths during the battle rather than surrender to advancing American forces.

The Marianas Visitors Authority helped the crew secure filming permits. The MVA said it is expecting the movie to have a positive impact on tourism to Saipan, as the movie is produced by a major studio with an A-list cast and staff, including Yutaka Takenouchi, Toshiaki Karasawa, Mao Inoue, and Takayuki Yamada.

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CLARISSA V. DAVID

Bruce A. Cohen, pharmacist and owner of PHI Pharmacy, poses with the employees at their CHC branch. PHI Pharmacy celebrated their 14th year anniversary yesterday.

PHI Pharmacy: After 14 years, still a pharmacy you can trust

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

For 14 years, PHI Pharmacy has provided prescription medications, over-the-counter drugs, counseling and health care information to patients here in the CNMI.

As PHI Pharmacy celebrates its 14th anniversary, owner and pharmacist Bruce A. Cohen takes pride in the fact that they have already expanded their services.

"We just continue to grow and provide more services, more information," says Cohen.

According to Cohen, PHI Pharmacy has expanded its services to medical equipment, supplies for

physicians' offices as well as any request that people have for medically related supplies.

The growth of PHI Pharmacy doesn't end with being the supplier for majority of the clinics on island. "Pharmacy is not only providing pharmaceuticals but also information. That's the main thing about a pharmacist: providing information that's accessible," says Cohen.

Educational programs

A significant component of PHI Pharmacy's development is the various educational programs they have on their own and in conjunction with patients as well as outside organizations.

As a diabetes center, Cohen says PHI Pharmacy works very closely not only with patients diagnosed with diabetes but also with renal dialysis patients.

PHI Pharmacy has taken a didactic approach in dealing with these patients by creating brochures about different medical conditions such as gout, asthma, hypertension, diabetes, even betel nut use.

These informative brochures discuss what the condition is about, its symptoms, significance of lifestyle change and diet to the person suffering from the condition, and pertinent details such as drug information.

"Doctors [on Saipan] actually use these as learning tools for educating their patients," says Cohen about the brochures.

The brochures were a collaborative project between PHI Pharmacy and the College of Pharmacy of the University of Hawaii Hilo campus.

Intern site

Aside from the brochures, both the pharmacy and the university have teamed up in another endeavor. The College of Pharmacy of the University of Hawaii has certified PHI Pharmacy as an intern site. Through this collaboration, the college sends two interns to serve on Saipan through PHI Pharmacy as a requisite before they are able to obtain their degrees.

According to Cohen, they get two interns that work in their pharmacy and do community outreach activities in a six-week interval.

"The whole idea of this pharmacy in Hawaii is to supply pharmacists in Pacific Basin, including the CNMI," says Cohen, describing the partnership between the two entities as "very strong."

At present, Erika Miyahira and Danita Henley are the fourth year pharmacy interns that also conduct a free seminar every Wednesdays at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library called Hinemlo' - Malawasch 4 Life: Self Management Tools for Healthy Living.

The next two interns from the college will be tasked to update

the PHI Pharmacy Web site where "a multitude of drug information" will be made accessible to the public.

Tough economy

Although the country is in an economic downturn, Cohen says their sales remain unaffected. "Health care is something that's resisting to recession... Even though the population on Saipan is going down, sales are always going up."

Still, Cohen says their company understands people's financial state. "We realize that Saipan is not in the best economic situation in the rest of the country, in the rest of the world now, so we try to make things as affordable as possible."

Those who have insurance policies with companies such as FHP or Netcare benefit from the minimal co-payments while those who don't have programs such as the Medically Indigent Assistance Program to turn to.

Additionally, they have the quarterly sale promotions that offer 25- to 50-percent off on some items. "We try to make sure that people don't go without medications," he says.

Future perspective

PHI Pharmacy has a lot in store for the CNMI in the coming days.

Since the summer vacation is almost over, the public can expect for a Back to School promo from PHI Pharmacy.

Cohen says they also plan to offer an online store in their Web site where people can purchase their medication refills and over-the-counter items without additional cost to them.

The public can also look forward to an improved Web site, with the information more accessible to them.

"Fourteen years of staying in business is quite a feat to any business in any field," says Cohen.

Starting with only eight staff back in 1996, Cohen says they now have over 25 courteous, multi-lingual, and educated staff that will provide them with outstanding customer services, minimal waiting time for prescriptions, and counseling when they get their prescription.

"We're looking forward to being here for a very long period of time," says Cohen.

PHI Pharmacy currently has three locations to better serve the public. The main branch at the Commonwealth Health Center is open from 8am to 6pm, Mondays through Fridays and 8am to 4pm on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

The Dandan location is open from Monday through Friday, 8am to 6pm. The Marina Heights location is open from 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday.

Since all branches have the same server, people can access their PHI prescription from other locations seven days a week.

For information, call PHI Pharmacy at 323-5003 or e-mail phi@phiparmacy.com.



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Another NMC Nursing graduate passes NCLEX on 1st try

Another nursing graduate of the Northern Marianas College recently passed the challenging National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses on the first attempt. Milesceilyn Rodriguez took the exam on July 20, nearly two months after she graduated from NMC with a degree in Nursing.

Following graduation from Marianas High School in 2007, Rodriguez decided to pursue her studies at NMC.

"I chose to enroll at NMC

because I thought it would be a good place to start my college education. It's convenient, close to home, and cheaper than going off island," said Rodriguez. "I soon found out that NMC's nursing program was one of the most challenging and rewarding programs at the college."

The NCLEX-RN tests an individual's nursing knowledge,

skills, and abilities essential to the safe and effective practice of nursing at the entry level. The exam is used by nursing boards in all 50 United States and all U.S. territories to award nurse licenses. Licensed nurses may have their credentials endorsed by a state or a territory's board upon meeting board requirements without having to retake the exam.



Rodriguez

"I would like express my appreciation to my family and friends for supporting and inspiring me," said Rodriguez. "I would also like to thank the NMC Nursing Department faculty and staff who have been instrumental towards my success."

To prepare for the examination, Rodriguez also enrolled in an NCLEX-RN review course that was coordinated by the CNMI Area Health Education Center in collaboration

with the Community Development Institute.

CNMI AHEC is a program that partners with CDI to provide training and professional development geared towards the health care field. CDI is a program under the Division of Community Programs and Services at the college.

While Rodriguez pursued her nursing degree at NMC, she was also actively involved in various student organizations that included the As-

sociated Students of NMC in which she served as the student body president. Rodriguez also served as the president of the NMC Nursing Club, and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, an honor society for academically outstanding students at two-year colleges.

Rodriguez was recognized for her academic achievements and active involvement in the NMC community during the college's annual Charter Day celebration where she was named the NMC Student of the Year for 2009-2010. A few weeks later at NMC's 30th Commencement ceremony Rodriguez was one of two students awarded the prestigious Student Leadership Award.

"While Miles was a student, she was able to successfully manage her academic studies and her responsibilities as a student council president," said interim president Lorraine Cabrera. "We are very proud of her accomplishment."

Rodriguez, who graduated cum laude, joins a long list of NMC nursing alumni who have passed the NCLEX on the first attempt, and have started successful nursing careers.

"We are extremely proud of Miles passing the examination," said NMC Nursing instructor Johnny Aldan. "Her success in passing the exam on the first try is a testament to the quality of NMC's nursing program." (NMC)

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Retirees' group lauds the passage of bond initiative

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
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REPORTER

Commonwealth retirees lauded the passage of the bond initiative at the House of Representatives on Friday, describing it as a positive step to address the problems of the NMI Retirement Fund.

Commonwealth Retirees Association president Juan Sablan said they expect the Senate to also pass House Legislative Initiative 17-1, so it could be placed on the

ballot this November.

The initiative seeks to amend the CNMI Constitution to allow the government to borrow hundreds of millions of dollars to pay off its debt to the Fund. The target amount could be as much as \$200 million. House members unanimously adopted the measure.

"It's one of the solutions to the Fund's problems and we're very glad that the House members took a final action," said Sablan, adding that CRA mem-

bers are hopeful that voters will approve it.

A pension obligation bond is a debt instrument issued by the government to fund unfunded actuarially accrued liabilities and convert the accrued liabilities on the government's balance sheet. The lump sum deposit of bond monies directly reduces the accrued liabilities.

A June 2009 court judgment had determined that the CNMI government owes the Retirement

Fund over \$231 million in unpaid employer contributions. That amount increased to \$280 million in December 2009.

New consultant

Sablan said the CRA is also confident that the Fund board will choose well when it comes to choosing a new investment consultant.

Merrill Lynch currently serves as the Fund's investment consul-

tant. The Fund is looking at hiring a new one.

"We're confident that the trustees will decide on the best interest of retirees...and whether they will retain or not Merrill Lynch, we're counting on their decision," said Sablan.

Nine Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environment Quality has raised the red flag on nine Saipan beach sites and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

The affected sites are the DPW Channel Bridge, American Memorial Park, Hafa-Adai drainage, Garapan Fishing Dock, Civic Center Beach, Saipan World Resort beach,

Chalan Kanoa No. 2 drainage, CK No. 4 drainage, and Chalan Piao Beach.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. However, studies have shown that storm water runoff in tropical

environment may also contain these bacteria, which may not be directly associated with public health concerns.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Wednesday. This week, DEQ collected water samples from 38 locations on the Saipan's coast. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (DEQ)

Share your thoughts on next NMC president

The Northern Marianas College Presidential Search Committee is seeking the community's input about the characteristics, experiences, and skills that the next president of the college should have.

The committee is collecting the input through an online survey that can be accessed from the NMC website at www.nmc-net.edu. The survey also asks what personal values and goals the next president should bring to the position, as well as the two most important priorities that the new president should address immediately.

All community members are encouraged to share their thoughts by filling out the short survey.

The results of the survey will be used to provide some guidelines for the Presidential Search Committee in formulating questions for the prospective presidential candidates. For a copy of the presidential vacancy announcement or more regular updates regarding the search for a new NMC president, log on to www.nmcnet.edu. (NMC)



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Business

Hawaii Pacific Export Council establishes Marianas chapter

HONOLULU, Hawaii—The Hawaii Pacific Export Council, which is the duly appointed District Export Council for the Pacific Territories, voted this week to establish a new chapter in the Marianas Islands to further promote U.S. exports in the region and support the President's National Export Initiative.

In his 2010 State of the Union address, President Obama announced the national goal of doubling U.S. exports in five years, which will result in the creation of two million new American jobs. The Hawaii Pacific Export Council, which is affiliated with the U.S. Department of Commerce

and works with the local U.S. Commercial Service Offices is composed of local business leaders appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce to promote international market expansion within their local district.

The newly established Marianas Chapter will now be able to recruit new associate members in Guam and the CNMI, which will allow the council to reach out to more local businesses in Guam and the CNMI to support their export activities, which includes tour-

ism service providers.

To achieve local export success, the council provides counseling and training to support a company's efforts to sell their products or services (tourism) internationally.



Mendiola-Long

Casey Jeszenka of the Pacific Islands Small Business Development Center Network, which is headquartered in Guam, and Phillip Mendiola-Long of Sherman Consulting in the CNMI, have been appointed members of the Hawaii Pacific Export Council since 2009. With

the support of the U.S. Department of Commerce, Jeszenka and Mendiola-Long worked with other Council members for the past several months to establish the Marianas Chapter.

"Members of the Hawaii Export Council have been nothing but helpful and encouraging to Casey's and my efforts to shed light on the exporting challenges for Guam and the CNMI. As soon as we brought up the idea of establishing an official chapter of HPEC in the Marianas, the HPEC team jumped at the opportunity and threw their full support behind the idea," said Mendiola-Long. The new chapter will allow

Guam and CNMI members to address local trade issues and enable the council to be more effective in assisting local small and medium sized businesses.

For more than 30 years District Export Councils have served the United States by assisting companies within their districts to export their products and services internationally. District Export Councils began in 1973 when President Nixon directed the Secretary of Commerce to establish the District Export Council network throughout the United States to stimulate greater participation in the national export effort. More recently, President Obama announced the National Export Initiative to meet the Administration's goal to double exports in five years. The 56 export councils nationwide combine the expertise of more than 1,500 exporters and private and public export service providers throughout the United States. District Export Council members are volunteers that offer their time and expertise to local businesses in efforts to

enhance the export progress of their local communities.

"Now that we are approved as a localized Chapter of HPEC, Casey and I will be working together in order to identify candidates for official appointment as associate members to the Hawaii Pacific Export Council Marianas Chapter. Working with the Hawaii Pacific Export Council over the past year has been a great privilege and we want to thank US Secretary Locke for the confidence in appointing us to the Hawaii Pacific Export Council representing Guam and the CNMI," said Mendiola-Long.

Candidates must have experience in exporting or have government experience in tracking Guam or Marianas exports. Initially five associate members will be appointed each from Guam and the CNMI. The appointment is on a volunteer basis and meetings will occur bi-monthly on a rotating basis between Guam and the CNMI. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Casey Jeszenka at casey@pacificsbdc.com or Phillip Mendiola-Long at phil@ShermanPacific.com. (PR)

Chamber to offer public/media relations workshop on Aug. 10

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will be holding a public/media relations workshop on Aug. 10 at the chamber's conference room.

The workshop will be conducted by KB Communications' Kathryn Barry and Glimpses of Guam's Maureen Maratita. It will run from 8:30am to 11am and costs \$5 per person and \$10 for non-chamber members.

The workshop is expected to help chamber members how to deal with media companies

and how to get their promotions and services disseminated to the public.

Barry and Maratita are also expected to give tips on how to write media releases and what to do during TV and radio interviews.

According to the chamber, seating for the event is limited and those interested should make their reservations now by calling its office at 233-7150 or e-mailing coordinator@saipanchamber.com. (Saipan Tribune)

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Crews take step toward readying permanent well fix

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Crews took another step toward readying the relief well expected to finally kill the Gulf of Mexico oil gusher, removing the plug they had popped in before clearing the area ahead of Tropical Storm Bonnie last week, federal officials said Wednesday. They also said a temporary cap on the busted well is holding firm and there is very little oil sheen on the water's surface 100 days after the rig explosion that triggered the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history. Retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, the government's oil spill chief, said during a news conference in New Orleans that officials are taking every precaution as they move toward a permanent fix. "We have always asked for a backup plan for the backup plan," he said. "This relief well, while it is deep, it is something that has been done before. Obviously the depth is an issue here.

But we are confident we are going to get this thing done."

Small business lending bill at impasse in Senate

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senators struggled to reach agreement Wednesday on a bill that would create a \$30 billion government fund to help community banks increase lending to small businesses. Democrats say banks should be able to use the lending fund to leverage up to \$300 billion in loans to small businesses, helping to loosen tight credit markets. The fund would be available to banks with less than \$10 billion in assets. Some Republicans likened the fund to the unpopular bailout of the financial industry. Democrats and Republicans were negotiating a handful of amendments with the goal of scheduling a vote on the bill. Both party leaders, however, said they were at an impasse Wednesday evening, just before the Senate adjourned for the day.

NMPASI ANNOUNCEMENT

Please be advised that the **Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI)** office will be closed on July 30, 2010 (FRIDAY) due to scheduled staff development sessions – the office will re-open on August 2, 2010 (MONDAY) for regular business hours of 8am to 5pm Monday through Friday.

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REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

NMPASI seeks comments and/or suggestions on how to improve upon its proposed Statement of Goals & Priorities for fiscal year 2011. In general, NMPASI proposes to carry-out the following goals and priorities for FY 2011:

GOAL 1: To ensure that individuals with disabilities in institutional and/or community settings (1) are not subject to abuse/neglect, (2) are free from discrimination, (3) are provided with an appropriate education, (4) are provided appropriate health care services, and (5) are provided with opportunities to make informed decisions about their lives as independent, contributing members of the community.

Priority 1.1: In fiscal year 2011, NMPASI personnel will provide direct representation for program eligible persons with disabilities by conducting intervention strategies of reported cases of abuse and/or neglect to include, but not be limited to, short-term assistance, investigations, technical assistance, administrative remedies, negotiation/mediation, and/or legal remedies;

Priority 1.2: In fiscal year 2011, NMPASI personnel will collaborate with other agencies and/or people in the community to deliver and ensure protection and advocacy services to unserved and underserved individuals with disabilities in the CNMI.

Priority 1.3: In fiscal year 2011, NMPASI personnel will collaborate with other agencies and/or people in the community to conduct and/or facilitate trainings related to the needs and rights of individuals with disabilities, to people with disabilities, their families and/or other member of the community;

Priority 1.4: In fiscal year 2011, NMPASI personnel will collaborate with other agencies and/or people in the community to disseminate information relating to the needs and rights of individual with disabilities to the community at large to include but not limited to using local media and/or other mediums for information dissemination;

Priority 1.5: In fiscal year 2011, NMPASI personnel will provide Information & Referral and/or Technical Assistance to interested individuals about issues relating to the needs and rights of individuals with disabilities in institutional and/or community settings; and

Priority 1.6: In fiscal year 2011, NMPASI personnel will receive training and educational in order to increase and improve the quality of protection and advocacy services on behalf of individual with disabilities in the CNMI.

NMPASI is a non-profit organization applying for grant funds from the **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/ Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS)/ Substance Abuse and mental health Services Administration (SAMHSA)**, the **Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD)**, and the **Human Resources Services Administration (HRSA)**, the **U.S. Department of Education (DOE)/Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA)**, and the **Social Security Administration (SSA)**.

For comments or suggestions, please call the NMPASI office at (670) 235-7273/4 [voice] or 235-7275 [fax] or 235-7278 [tty] or contact us via the internet at www.nmpasi.com.

Nation

Judge blocks parts of Arizona immigration law

PHOENIX (AP)—A federal judge stepped into the fight over Arizona's immigration law at the last minute Wednesday, blocking the heart of the measure and defusing a confrontation between police and thousands of activists that had been building for months.

Coming just hours before the law was to take effect, the ruling isn't the end.

It sets up a lengthy legal battle that could end up before the Supreme Court—ensuring that a law that reignited the immigration debate, inspired similar measures nationwide, created

fodder for political campaigns and raised tensions with Mexico will stay in the spotlight.

Protesters who gathered at the state Capitol and outside the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City cheered when they heard the news. The governor, the law's authors and anti-illegal immigration groups vowed to fight on.

"It's a temporary bump in the road," Gov. Jan Brewer said.

The key issue before U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton in the case is as old as the nation itself: Does federal law trump state law? She indicated in her ruling that the federal govern-

ment's case has a good chance at succeeding.

The Clinton appointee said the controversial sections should be put on hold until the courts resolve the issues, including parts that required officers to check a person's immigration status while enforcing other laws.

AP

From left to right, Maria Ramirez, Joseline Saragoza, 9, and Marcela Saragoza, all of Phoenix, cry as they celebrate at the Arizona capitol Wednesday, July 28, 2010 in Phoenix, shortly after portions of Arizona's new immigration law, SB1070, were blocked by a federal judge.



ACROSS THE NATION

Calls for Rangel to quit could escalate if no deal

WASHINGTON (AP)—The calls from fellow Democrats for New York Rep. Charles Rangel to resign could quickly turn from a trickle to a flood unless he can quickly negotiate a plea bargain to prevent a congressional trial on allegations of ethical misconduct. With elections nearing, fellow Democrats don't relish the spectacle of that trial. Thursday is a deadline of sorts. An ethics committee panel of four Democrats and four Republicans has scheduled a public hearing where the charges against Rangel would be aired in public for the first time. The subcommittee's task is to decide whether the charges can be proved by clear and convincing evidence. Just spelling them out would be bad enough, Democrats running for re-election feel. For his part, Rangel remained noncommittal Wednesday on whether he's still open to a deal to avoid all that. "Depends on what the settlement is," he said of the lawyer-to-lawyer talks.

Mom's trial starts in Texas starved children case

DALLAS (AP)—The defense for the mother of three children found starving in a hotel bathroom portrayed her Wednesday as another victim of her abusive boyfriend, but prosecutors said while she gave birth, "she's no mom." Abneris Santiago, 31, was charged with injury to a child after police discovered the children starved and shut in a Dallas extended-stay hotel room's bathroom last summer. The children's skeletons were visible beneath their stretched and flaky skin, and authorities said they could have been confined for as long as nine months. "She may be a mother, but she's no mom," prosecutor Eren Price said of Santiago during opening statements. The trial began in the same courtroom where Santiago's boyfriend, Alfred Santiago, was convicted Tuesday and sentenced to 99 years in prison.



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Head Start Policy Council Agenda

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Head Start Policy Council hereby gives notice that it will have a meeting on August 5, 2010 (Thursday) from 5:00pm-7:00pm, Chalan Kanoa Head Start Center Resource Room, Saipan.

- I. Preliminary Matters
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Quorum
 4. Adoption of Agenda
 5. Adoption of Minutes: July 7, 2010
- II. Public Comments
- III. Communications
 1. From the State Board of Education
 2. From the Office of Head Start
- IV. Monthly Reports
 1. Director
 2. Managers
 3. Finance
 4. Council Standing Committees
 - a. Personnel
 - b. Education
 - c. Executive
 - d. Finance
 - e. Public Relations
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
 1. Action Items:
 - a. Approval of Recommendations to Hire
 - b. Approval of 2010-2011 Written Service Area Plans
 - c. Approval of Supplemental T/TA Grant
- VII. Executive Session
- VIII. Next Meeting
- IX. Adjournment

Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7), the Council may vote to meet in Executive Session. Public Comments are limited to 15 minutes; therefore comments are limited to 3 minutes each.

This meeting is open to the public, interested individuals are welcome to attend. Any person(s) requiring special accommodations may contact Ms. Candace Q. Celis at 664-3761; several days notice is required.

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Asia

Rain slows search for dead in Pakistan airplane crash

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Emergency teams battled heavy rains and mud Thursday to recover bodies strewn over hills overlooking the Pakistani capital following the country's worst-ever plane crash.

Authorities speculated that monsoon weather the day before may have been a factor in the crash of the Airblue flight from Karachi to Islamabad. The plane was apparently off course when it slammed into the Margalla Hills, killing all 152 people on board.

Army troops and civilian rescue workers searched a large stretch of the hills scorched by the crash, but tough conditions slowed the pace of operations, said Ramzan Khalid, spokesman for the Capital Development Authority, which helps deal with emergencies. Helicopters could not fly in the heavy rain, he said.

The plane's "black box" flight data recorders have yet to be recovered. Information extracted from them will be key in determining the cause of the crash. Defense Minister Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar and other officials have said the government does not suspect terrorism.

Even when the search is com-

pleted, it could take days to identify all the victims with DNA testing since most of the bodies were torn apart and burned in the crash, a grim scene described by rescue workers scouring the twisted metal wreckage.

"There is nothing left, just piles and bundles of flesh. There are just some belongings, like two or three traveling bags, some checkbooks, and I saw a picture of a young boy. Otherwise everything is burned," rescue worker Murtaza Khan said.

The crash was the latest tragedy to jolt a country that has seen thousands of deaths in recent years from al-Qaida and Taliban attacks.

The U.S. Embassy said at least two American citizens were on the plane, an Airbus A321, which was carrying 146 passengers and six crew members.

In the U.S., Paulette Kirksey said that her godmother, Rosie Ahmed of Gadsden, Alabama, and her husband, Saleem Ahmed, were among those on the plane. Rosie Ahmed was in Pakistan to arrange for her husband to move to the United States, Kirksey said. She said Rosie Ahmed was in her late 50s.



ASIAN BRIEFS

US: Drills sent 'clear message' to NKorea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—For four days, U.S. and South Korean troops fired artillery into the skies and dropped anti-submarine bombs on underwater targets—dramatic exercises meant to warn North Korea not to strike again. The South Korean military said the show of force, which ended Wednesday, succeeded in sending a pointed warning to North Korea four months after the deadly sinking of a South Korean warship. Indeed, the shiny armada of destroyers and stealth fighter jets—led by a nuclear-powered supercarrier that at 97,000 tons is one of the world's largest—appeared to have muted the regime. After days of threatening to wage a powerful nuclear strike in response to the drills, North Korea issued a feeble call Wednesday for the U.S. to drop its "hostile policy" against Pyongyang.

Floods wash chemicals into northeast China river

BEIJING (AP)—Workers began cleaning up a chemical spill in northeastern China on Thursday after more than 3,000 containers of chemicals were washed into a river by the worst floods to hit the country in more than a decade. The buckets, containing a flammable chemical used to make rubber and adhesives, tumbled into the Songhua River near Jilin city in Jilin prov-

ince after a flood swept through a local factory, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. Only about 400 buckets had been recovered as of Thursday morning. The Jilin environmental protection agency and water bureau fanned out around the city testing water sources and checking for possible leaks in the barrels, said an official with the Jilin Water Bureau. She refused to give her name as is common with Chinese officials.

17 accused in RP massacre plead not guilty

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The principal suspect in one of the worst massacres in Philippine history, along with others—including police officers—who allegedly took part in the killings, pleaded not guilty Wednesday to a 57th murder charge. Andal Ampatuan Jr., a former vice mayor and scion of a politically powerful clan, had already pleaded innocent to 56 murder counts stemming from the Nov. 23 massacre that targeted a convoy of journalists and supporters of his political rival. Ampatuan and 16 other suspects were returned Wednesday to a special courtroom inside a maximum security prison in Manila to enter a plea in the case of the remaining victim, journalist Victor Nunez. The investigation into his death was completed only recently because of delays in identifying his remains.



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World

WORLD BRIEFS

Police capture drug lieutenant in northern Mexico

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP)—A suspected drug cartel lieutenant with a quarter-million-dollar reward on his head was captured in the border state of Chihuahua, where rival gangs are waging a bloody turf war, police said Wednesday. Rogelio Segovia Hernandez, who reputedly helped lead the La Linea gang that worked for the Juarez cartel, was detained Tuesday in the state capital of Chihuahua. Federal police in a statement claimed that Segovia Hernandez was in charge of killings, drug distribution, extortion and kidnappings for the cartel in the areas around Ciudad Juarez, which lies across the border from El Paso, Texas, as well as in the city of Chihuahua. Police allege Segovia Hernandez participated in five killings at a ranch

in Chihuahua state in 2008.

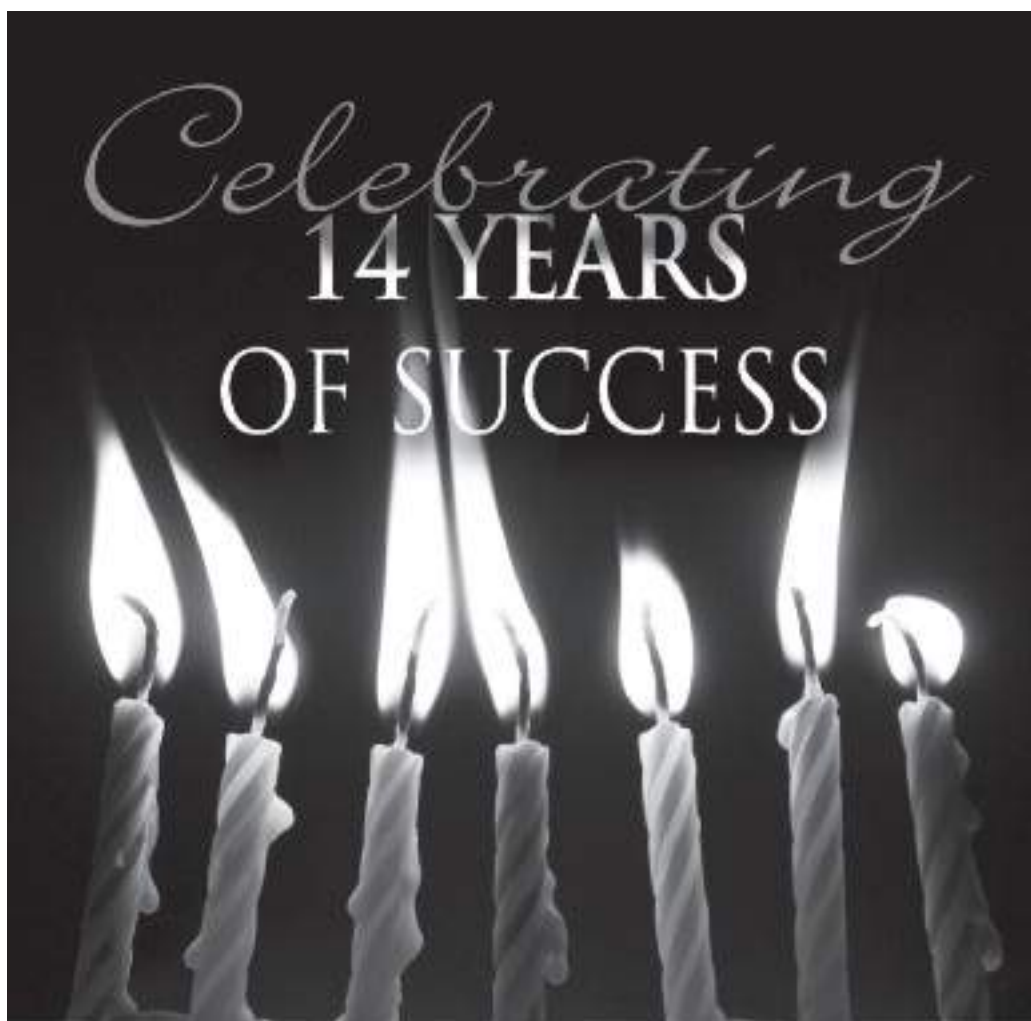
Ship lost for more than 150 years is recovered

TORONTO (AP)—Canadian archeologists have found a ship abandoned more than 150 years ago in the quest for the fabled Northwest Passage and which was lost in the search for the doomed expedition of Sir John Franklin, the head of the team said Wednesday. Marc-Andre Bernier, Parks Canada's head of underwater archaeology, said the HMS *Investigator*, abandoned in the ice in 1853, was found in shallow water in Mercy Bay along the northern coast of Banks Island in Canada's western Arctic. "The ship is standing upright in very good condition. It's standing in about 11 meters (36 feet) of water," he said. "This is definitely of the utmost importance. This is the ship that sailed the last leg

of the Northwest Passage."

Third most-wanted Nazi suspect charged in Germany

BERLIN (AP)—The world's third most-wanted Nazi suspect, who lived undisturbed for decades after World War II, has been charged in Germany with participating in the murder of 430,000 Jews while serving as a low-ranking guard at a death camp. Samuel Kunz, 88, had long been ignored by the German justice system, partly because of a lack of interest in going after relatively minor Nazi figures. But in the past 10 years, a younger generation of prosecutors has sought to bring all surviving suspects to justice. Authorities recently stumbled over Kunz's case as they were studying old documents from German post-wars trials about an SS training camp named Trawniki.



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OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Ohio signs for 'Wildman Road' swiped too often

XENIA, Ohio (AP)—An Ohio county has given up on replacing the frequently stolen signs for a rural thoroughfare named "Wildman Road." Greene County Engineer Robert Geyer in southwest Ohio explains that the signs vanish too quickly, probably to decorate bedrooms, garages and dorm rooms. He said the unusually named road is "out in the boonies," making the signs easy to swipe. Neighboring Montgomery County also has had a problem with signs disappearing from streets with interesting or amusing names, such as "Stoner Drive." But County Engineer Joseph

Litvin said his office has adapted by putting replacement signs on much higher posts, making them tougher to reach.

Cops issue cat alert for feline that caused wreck

BANKS, Ore. (AP)—Oregon State Police have taken the unusual step of issuing a missing cat alert for a feline that caused a car crash, escaped from a smashed SUV and vanished. Southern Oregon University student Brittany Spady rolled her Ford Explorer on U.S. 26 east of Banks on Monday night after her long-haired tortoiseshell cat Calysta crawled between the brake and gas pedals. Spady said she took her eyes off the road to try and stop the cat. She said the cat refuses to travel in a carrier. Spady was headed

home from Ashland and was just two miles from her parents' house when her vehicle went into a ditch, rolled and hit a tree. The cat bolted, vanishing into nearby forest.

Ohio man KO's gas meter, causing leak, evacuations

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio (AP)—Fire officials in Ohio said a man hitting a punching bag accidentally knocked out his gas meter, causing a natural gas leak that evacuated nearby homes. Authorities in Middletown said when the unidentified man struck the meter Tuesday evening, it fell off the wall and gas spewed out. Deputy Fire Chief Tom Snively said it was "extremely dangerous situation." He said the house could

have blown up and at least three neighboring homes could have seen major damage in the community about 25 miles north of Cincinnati. People living along two streets in the area were told to leave their homes. One person was taken to a hospital complaining of nausea. Snively says it took Duke Energy about an hour to dig underground to where it could turn off the gas.

Bear gets into home, eats and grabs stuffed bear

LACONIA, N.H. (AP)—A black bear walked into a New Hampshire house through an open door, ate two pears and a bunch of grapes, took a drink from the family fishbowl and grabbed a stuffed bear on its way out the door. Mary Beth Parkinson said the bear apparently took advantage of the open outside door to get into her kitchen Tuesday in Laconia, about 20 miles north of Concord. She thinks the garage door going up scared the bear enough that it fled the house. She said she arrived in time to save the fish. Parkinson said her 6- and 9-year-old boys made sure the doors were locked before they went to bed.

Cruise ships strikes whale in Alaska

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP)—A

Princes Cruises ship operating in Alaska has fatally struck a whale near Juneau. Princess Cruises says the dead whale became stuck at the bow of the Sapphire Princess, and the vessel was stopped south of Douglas Island until the carcass could be removed Wednesday afternoon. Princess spokesman Kirby Day says the dead whale was noticed at about 8 a.m. as the ship traveled from Ketchikan to Juneau. Kaja Brix with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration says the animal appears to have been a juvenile humpback whale. Brix says the ship had to increase power to maintain speed early Wednesday, indicating the strike occurred then. A necropsy will be conducted.

Florida great-grandma takes a bite out of crime

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP)—A great-grandmother in Daytona Beach bit an assailant and was dragged several feet hanging on to the getaway car of a couple who snatched her purse. Patricia Robertson doesn't know how she summoned the strength, but the commotion she created helped get her belongings back. Police said the 73-year-old was accosted at a gas station over the weekend by a man and

woman who grabbed her purse and tried to speed off. On instinct, Robertson said she bit the man hard enough to draw blood and hung on to their truck when that failed. A bystander who saw the attack called 911 and followed the assailants, updating police until they could apprehend the couple. Robertson said she's sore and almost lost a tooth, but thankful for the good Samaritan's help.

Md. man sentenced for stealing library's tarantula

WESTMINSTER, Md. (AP)—A Maryland man has been sentenced to 90 days in jail for stealing a spider from a public library. Carroll County Circuit Judge J. Barry Hughes sentenced 27-year-old Randy Humple of Westminster Monday. Staff at the Westminster library called police May 19 after they discovered Chili Rose, a Chilean Rose tarantula at the information desk, had disappeared. Witnesses told authorities they saw Humple with the spider and that he bragged about swiping it. Hughes also sentenced Humple to four years in prison for violating his probation in a 2007 assault case. Humple told the judge he knows he's done some stupid things and he wants to serve his sentence.

Northern Marianas College



PRESIDENT

The Northern Marianas College is currently accepting applications for the position of President. The President of the Northern Marianas College serves as the chief executive officer for the Board of Regents and oversees a multi-campus college system located in three separate islands (Saipan, main campus; Rota and Tinian). The President will report to the Board of Regents and will be expected to carry out the mission of the College:

The mission of Northern Marianas College shall be to provide the best quality and meaningful post secondary and adult educational opportunities for the purpose of improving the quality of life for the individual and for the Commonwealth as a whole. The College shall be responsible for providing education in the areas of adult and continuing education, post secondary and adult vocational education and professional development for the people of the Commonwealth.

Minimum Qualifications

Master's degree from a U.S. accredited university plus five (5) years of executive level management experience in an institution of higher education or other relevant organization, or a combination of at least five (5) years of executive level management including post-secondary education teaching experience; experience working in a multicultural environment; experience in accreditation process, personnel management, budget development and presentation, strategic planning, and institutional assessment, fundraising, mediation, and team building; and knowledge of federal programs and grants application in higher education.

Preference will be given to applicants that meet or exceed the following:

1. Doctoral degree holders in education administration or related fields from a US accredited institution (other terminal degree holders will be considered); and
2. Five years or more experience in an executive position in higher education administration or related fields; and
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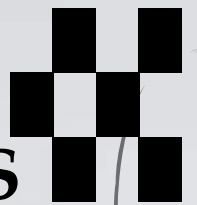
The salary for the position is \$80,000 per annum plus benefits. Applications will be reviewed immediately after the thirty days announcement. Applicants with non-U.S. degrees are responsible for providing an official evaluation of their degrees to determine U.S. equivalency.

Applicants should include a curriculum vitae indicating their competences in Organizational Strategy, Resource Management, Communication, Collaboration, College Advocacy, and Professionalism; official transcripts; list of published journal work or scholarly research; three personal and three professional references (complete with name, title, address, phone/email contact); and four letters of professional recommendations specific to this position. Complete application packages and documents should be sent by certified priority mail and must be received by the closing date of AUGUST 9, 2010, to:

Ms. Maria Paz Younis
Chairperson, Presidential Search Committee
Northern Marianas College (Attention: Human Resources Office)
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By EDWARD C. BAIG
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Amazon.com will unveil today its answer to Apple's iPad and other devices seeking to replace its Kindle as the premiere digital book reader.

It's a third-generation Kindle that's lighter, smaller and faster than the current model — and also has a sharper display, longer battery life and

twice the storage.

Amazon has added Wi-Fi reception for those who want to use a speedy Internet service to download eBooks. This

Kindle will keep the free service that uses AT&T's wireless network to download a book in less than a minute.

The model, which starts shipping on Aug. 27, will be priced at \$189, same as the current Kindle.

But Amazon hopes to rattle rivals by offering a version that just uses Wi-Fi for wireless connections and that will sell for \$139. That's about \$10 below the least expensive ver-

sions of Barnes & Noble's Nook and the Sony Reader.

At these prices, "people are going to buy multiple Kindles

for the household," CEO Jeff Bezos told USA Today. "Remember: 33 months ago, Kindle was \$399."

Forrester Research analyst James McQuivey agrees: "Anyone who said 'I don't want to get (a Kindle) because they're too expensive,' will look at \$139, and say, 'It's time to become a digital reader.'"

Amazon has sold about 4 million Kindles in the U.S. and will top 6 million by year's end, McQuivey estimates. It has two-thirds of the eReader market.

Yet, in 2012, multimedia tablet PCs, led by the iPad, will outsell dedicated eReaders, he says.

That's not all bad for Amazon. Owners of such devices can read eBooks from Amazon using its free Kindle app. The U.S. Kindle store has more than 630,000 titles. Still, Bezos is betting that

lots of people will still want a dedicated eReader.

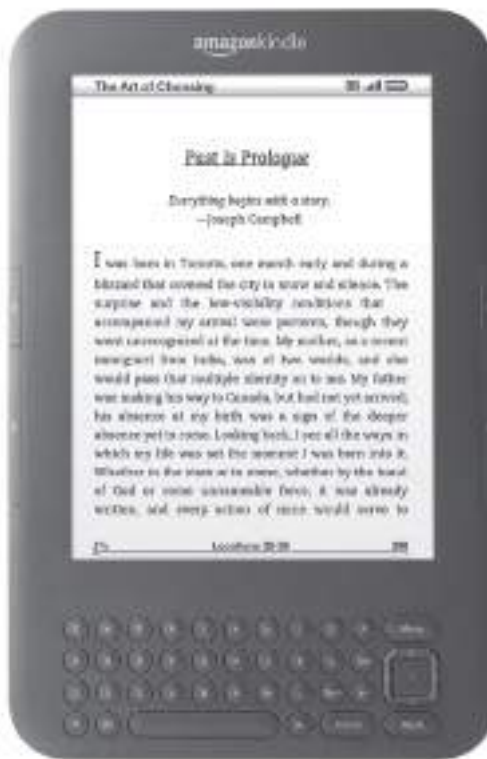
"We will try to make the best reading device possible, so when you really want to read for two hours, you'll choose a Kindle," he says.

The latest Kindles, in white or graphite, sport the same 6-inch reading area as the current model even though the bodies are 21 percent smaller. But the text will look sharper; the contrast on the screen is 50 percent better.

At 8.7 ounces, the new Kindle is about 15 percent lighter too, even though Amazon has doubled the storage so it can hold up to 3,500 books.

Page turns are faster. With wireless settings off, Kindle can go a month without a charge.

The product announcements follow Amazon's disclosure last week that it now sells more Kindle eBooks than hardcovers. Next milestone: paperbacks. "It's hard to know for sure, but I predict we will surpass paperback sales sometime in the next nine to 12 months," Bezos says.



This product image provided by amazon.com Inc., shows the new Kindle 3 reader. AP

TECH Q&A

Zooming on screen won't increase printed size

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: When I'm reading Web pages, I can use the "zoom" feature to make print larger. But when I print those pages, the type remains normal size, which is hard for me to read. Is there a way to change the PC's settings to print text from Web pages larger?—Fred Hampton, Lauderhill, Fla.

ANSWER: Yes. The "zoom" control feature magnifies or shrinks the Web page while you're viewing it online but doesn't actually change the page's real size. But the "page setup" feature really makes the type larger. To use page setup, use these directions for the Firefox and Internet Explorer browsers.

In Firefox, click the "file" heading, choose "print preview" from the drop-down menu instead of "print," and then click the "page setup" button (next to the "print" button.) Uncheck the box in front of "shrink to fit page width" by clicking it. In the "scale" box, change 100 percent to something larger, such as 200 percent. Click OK. The print preview will show the larger type size that will be printed.

Tip: To make sure the larger print fits on one sheet of paper, choose the "landscape" or horizontal page orientation on the "page setup" menu. Even so, a 200 percent enlargement may run off the right side of the page, so enlarge a bit less than that.

In Internet Explorer, follow the same directions to reach "print preview," then at the top of the page click the drop-down menu beside "shrink to fit" and choose amount of enlargement you want. At the top of the page, click the horizontal page icon for landscape orientation.

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Q: I stream a radio station from Toronto to my older Dell Inspiron laptop. But whenever I shut down an application such as Quicken or Microsoft Outlook, the radio also gets turned off. What's wrong?—Paul Avis, Ottawa, Ontario

A: Net radio can be cut off if it lacks enough bandwidth or computing power. Your bandwidth is limited by the speed of your Internet connection. Your computing power is limited by the age of your PC.

You can conserve bandwidth by not surfing the Web while listening to Internet radio. Also be sure to close browser windows, since they may be automatically updating Web pages. You can conserve computing power by turning off extra features on your Net radio program, such as scrolling information or animated displays.

But that may not be enough. If Net radio's computing demands, plus the PC activity caused by turning off Quicken or Outlook (your work and settings have to be stored) push your PC to its computing limit, you'll need a newer PC with more processing power to solve the problem.

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WikiLeaks: We don't know source of leaked data

LONDON (AP)—WikiLeaks' editor-in-chief claims his organization doesn't know who sent it some 91,000 secret U.S. military documents, telling journalists that the Web site was set up to hide the source of its data from those who receive it.

Julian Assange didn't say whether he meant he had no idea who leaked the documents or whether his organization simply could not be sure. But he did say the added layer of secrecy helps protect the site's sources from spy agencies and hostile corporations.

"We never know the source of the leak," he told journalists gathered at London's Frontline Club late Tuesday. "Our whole system is designed such that we don't have to keep that secret."

And while Assange acknowledged that the site's anonymous submissions raised concerns about the authenticity of its material, he said WikiLeaks had yet to be fooled by a bogus

document.

The 39-year-old Australian was at the Frontline Club, the hub of London's media set, for the second time in as many days to outline his site's mission and methods—and defend it from charges that it endangered lives by putting mountains of classified information in the public domain.

U.S. officials say the massive online disclosure may have put soldiers and operatives in danger, and the Pentagon, the Justice Department, and the FBI have all stepped in to investigate.

President Barack Obama said Tuesday the leak of classified information from the battlefield "could potentially jeopardize individuals or operations," while Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters in Baghdad that there

was "a real potential threat there to put American lives at risk."

U.S. officials are worried that the raw data may prove

useful not only to the Taliban but to hostile intelligence services in countries such as China and Russia who have the resources to make sense of such vast vaults of data, said Ellen McCarthy, former U.S. intelligence officer and president of the Intelligence and National Security Alliance.

Former CIA director Michael Hayden described the mass release as a big gift to America's enemies.

"If I had gotten this trove on the Taliban or al-Qaida, I would have called it priceless," he said. "If I'm head of the Russian intelligence, I'm getting my best English speakers and saying: 'Read every document, and I want you to tell me, how good



Assange

are these guys? What are their approaches, their strengths, their weaknesses and their blind spots?"

Back in London, Assange agreed that the files offered insight into U.S. tactics.

But he said that was none of his concern, and he noted that his Web site already carried a copy of the U.S. Special Forces' 2006 Southern Afghanistan Counterinsurgency Manual, among other sensitive U.S. military documents.

"We put out that stuff all the time," he said.

He seemed irritated when a member of the audience pressed him on whether he believed there were ever any legitimate national security concerns that would prevent him from publishing a leaked document.

"It is not our role to play sides for states. States have national security concerns, we do not have national security concerns," he said.

What your phone app doesn't say: It's watching you

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Your smart phone applications are watching you—much more closely than you might like.

Lookout Inc., a mobile-phone security firm, scanned nearly 300,000 free applications for Apple Inc.'s iPhone and phones built around Google Inc.'s Android software. It found that many of them secretly pull sensitive data off users' phones and ship them off to third parties without notification.

That's a major concern that has been bubbling up in privacy and security circles.

The data can include full details about users' contacts, their pictures, text messages and In-

ternet and search histories. The third parties can include advertisers and companies that analyze data on users.

The information is used by companies to target ads and learn more about their users. The danger, though, is that the data become vulnerable to hacking and use in identity theft if the third party isn't careful about securing the information.

Lookout reported its findings this week in conjunction with the Black Hat computer security conference in Las Vegas.

Lookout found that nearly a quarter of the iPhone apps and almost half the Android apps

contained software code that contained those capabilities.

The code had been written by the third parties and inserted into the applications by the developers, usually for a specific purpose, such as allowing the applications to run ads. But the code winds up forcing the application to collect more data on users than even the developers may realize, Lookout executives said.

"We found that not only users, but developers as well, don't know what's happening in their apps, even in their own apps, which is fascinating," said John Hering, CEO of the San Francisco-based Lookout.

Part of the problem is smart phones don't alert users to all the different types of data the applications running on them are collecting. iPhones only alert users when applications want to use their locations.

And while Android phones offer robust warnings when applications are first installed, many people breeze through them for the gratification of using the apps quickly. Google said it tries to limit users' risk with the warnings but consistently advises users to only install apps they trust.

Apple didn't respond to a request for comment on Lookout's research.

Life & Style

Rare 3D film shows Warsaw devastated after WWII

In this still from the film "City of Ruins", provided by The Warsaw Uprising Museum and Platige Image, the ruins of the Royal Castle and the Old town are seen in Warsaw after World War II. AP

WARSAW, Poland (AP)—The plane slowly descends from white clouds and sweeps over a panorama of a city destroyed by the Nazis: the skeletons of bombed bridges jutting from a quiet river, the empty walls of burned-out houses, the Jewish ghetto totally flattened.

It is Warsaw in the spring of 1945, just after World War II.

The sea of rubble that Warsaw was reduced to during the war is vividly reconstructed in a 3D film that historians and computer graphics experts showed for the first time in Warsaw on Wednesday.

The goal of the film, which must be seen with special 3D glasses, is to bringing home to a young generation the scope of

the wartime devastation of Poland's capital.

"Young people do not understand what it means that Warsaw was in ruins; they think it was just a few collapsed houses," Jan Oldakowski, the director of the Warsaw Uprising Museum, told reporters at a screening of the film "City of Ruins."

"Nor were we, at the museum, fully aware of what the city looked like," he said.

The 1939-45 destruction was the result of bombings carried out by Nazi Germany, which invaded Poland in 1939 and occupied it for six years, killing millions of people. Most of the damage resulted from the German army's revenge for the city's 1944 uprising against its brutal rule.

The uprising failed after 63 days of an uneven struggle, but as one of Europe's most dramatic acts of resistance to Nazi rule remains an important element of Polish national identity. The heroism shown by the insurgents—among them women and teenagers—is a source of deep pride to this day.

Oldakowski said it took 40 specialists two years to make the five-minute 3D aerial view sequence, a simulation of an imaginary flight of a British Liberator bomber over the city right after the war in 1945.

It reconstructs the trajectory that RAF bombers took when bringing arms and supplies to the insurgency. The uprising began on Aug. 1, 1944, and the release of the film is timed to mark the 66th anniversary.

Starting Sunday, the film will be shown to visitors at the museum, which documents the uprising and is a major draw for tourists and students from across the country. Last year, it had some 500,000 visitors.

Michal Gryn, from the Platige Image studio which made the film, said the team was not aware at first of the challenge before them in the form of the masses of documentary material they had to go through.

"It was a unique project to build a 3D model of authentic city ruins and make five minutes of film from it," Gryn said. "I don't think that anyone in the world has done this."

His team took a helicopter flight over contemporary Warsaw to film base material. They filled it in with detail from some 2,000 historic pictures, films and paintings—some from private archives—to recreate Warsaw as it was after the war.

The result is a computer simulation that shows collapsed bridges along the Vistula River, whole districts of roofless, burned-out houses and the Warsaw Ghetto as a flat sea of rubble.

A solemn musical score enhances the sense of death and menace.

An inscription that closes the film says that before the war some 1.3 million people lived in Warsaw, some 900,000 at the start of the uprising and just 1,000 amid the ruins in 1945.

Before the war, some 10 percent of the city's population was Jewish.

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He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and godchildren and missed by his many friends, employees, and special helpers (Emil & Teta).

Daily mass is being offered at San Jose Church (Tinian) at 6:00 a.m. and nightly rosary at 8:00 p.m. & daily mass is being offered at Kristo Rai Church (Saipan) at 6:00 a.m. & San Antonio Church (Saipan) at 6:00 p.m., and at San Francisco de Borja Church (Rota) at 6:00 a.m.

On Saturday, July 31, 2010, his remains will be escorted from the Tinian Health Center at 7:00 a.m. to the San Jose Church for viewing. Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. and internment will follow at the cemetery. Lunch will be served immediately at the church grounds after the burial.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase ginen i asaguaña as Lucia L. Blanco-Maratita, i famaguon yan i familia.

National Archives reveals newly donated FDR papers

WASHINGTON (AP)—A handwritten letter from fascist Italian dictator Benito Mussolini congratulating President Franklin D. Roosevelt on his inauguration, and a note from a woman who had a brief affair with Roosevelt were shown to the public for the first time Wednesday at the National Archives.

The 5,000 documents and gifts collected by Roosevelt's secretaries include a note from Lucy Mercer Rutherford, who had an affair with Roosevelt that forever changed his marriage to Eleanor Roosevelt when she discovered the infidelity in 1918.

Rutherford wrote Roosevelt's personal secretary, Grace Tully, a week before his death in 1945 to arrange a visit with a portrait painter and photographer. The "Unfinished Portrait" was in progress when he collapsed and died.

The meetings with Rutherford were kept secret from Eleanor Roosevelt until after her husband's death, and the letter is evidence Tully was involved in communications between Rutherford and Roosevelt.

The 14 boxes of items had been sealed with duct tape for years, and were considered the last great privately-held collection of papers for Roosevelt's presidential library in Hyde Park, N.Y.

Anne Roosevelt, the president's granddaughter, said Tully and another personal secretary, Marguerite "Missy" LeHand, were devoted to Roosevelt.

"Their understanding of what to save and what to collect was important," she said. "We are grateful to them for being pack rats."

It took an act of Congress to get the documents to the National Archives, though, after an ownership dispute. The Sun-Times Media Group Inc., formerly Hollinger International Inc., bought the collection in 2001 for \$8 million. In 2004, Hollinger put the items up for sale at Christie's auction house, but the National Archives claimed ownership to some of the times, saying they were presidential materials. The company eventually agreed to donate the items in exchange for a tax credit.



NY town abuzz pre-Clinton wedding

A man walks on East Market Street in Rhinebeck, N.Y., where a sign hangs congratulating Chelsea Clinton and fiancé Marc Mezvinsky Wednesday, July 28, 2010. AP

RHINEBECK, N.Y. (AP)—Never mind that the details about Chelsea Clinton's wedding are being guarded like state secrets. The postcard-pretty town of Rhinebeck is ready for its close-up.

The former first daughter and her parents have not even confirmed that her wedding is being held in Rhinebeck. Still, signs congratulating her hang in shop windows, residents are talking to TV crews and officials are bracing for crowds.

Clinton, 30, will wed investment banker Marc Mezvinsky on Saturday, and this little Hudson Valley town of upscale boutiques and pricey homes north of New York City is expecting an influx of A-List guests, reporters and rubber-necks.

"I think this will put us on the map in an entirely different way," said Ira Gutner, owner of Samuel's coffee shop, which featured a sign in the window congratulating the Methodist bride and Jewish groom with "Mazel Tov,

Chelsea and Marc."

"People will say, 'Oh, let's go to Rhinebeck, Chelsea Clinton got married there.' ... We'll forever be known for this," he said.

It's all but certain that the couple will wed Saturday evening at Astor Courts, a secluded estate along the Hudson River built as a Beaux Arts style playground for John Jacob Astor IV more than a century ago. The estate features the sort of commanding view that once inspired Hudson River School painters, as well as 50 acres of buffer space to shield the party from prying eyes.

The spot is a bit more than an hour north of Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton's home in suburban Chappaqua and about 90 miles north of New York City.

The Clintons—and the Mezvinskys—have been Sphinxes when it comes to wedding details. The cone of silence appears also to cover contractors, who are as reluctant to talk about their dealings with the Clintons as characters in Harry Potter books are about uttering

Voldemort's name.

The agent at the front desk of the Beekman Arms, which reportedly will put up wedding guests, politely said Wednesday he could not comment on anything related to the weekend. The story was the same at nearby Clinton Vineyards—unrelated to the former president—which has in the past bottled special "Victory White" wines for the Clintons during their political campaigns.

"We've been inundated with so many requests," said Rita Flood, who works at the vineyards.

The silence has hardly stopped the media. The gossip website TMZ reported that the couple's wedding playlist includes Abba's "Dancing Queen." Wedding planners not involved in the ceremony have quoted cost estimates as high as \$5 million. Two Norwegian journalists were arrested last week for trespassing at Astor Courts.

On Wednesday, locals shared the sidewalks with camera

French first lady filming in latest Allen flick

PARIS (AP)—France's first lady, a former supermodel turned singer, is making her debut as an actress, filming Wednesday in the shadow of Notre Dame cathedral for Woody Allen's "Midnight in Paris."

Carla Bruni-Sarkozy jotted in a notebook while seated next to actor Owen Wilson on a park bench. Allen gave instructions, while dozens of on-lookers tried to get a glimpse of the action on the cordoned-off Jean XXIII Square.

The French president showed up on a nearby set Tuesday, in dark suit but no tie, to watch his spouse in her latest creative venture.

Allen, beloved by the French, recruited Bruni-Sarkozy last fall for a role in the romantic comedy which follows a family traveling in Paris for business. France's first lady reportedly plays a museum director.

This week's scenes were shot in the heart of Paris, near the Pantheon, the resting place of many of France's luminaries, and on the Ile de la Cite, the island that hosts Notre Dame.

In November, when she announced her plans to accept Allen's offer of a role, the 42-year-old Bruni-Sarkozy had said she was unsure of her acting skills.

"I'm not at all an actress. Maybe I'll be absolutely terrible," she said in an interview with Canal Plus TV station.

However, she said she couldn't pass up the chance to play in a Woody Allen film.

"I'd like to—you know—when I'm a grandmother, to have done a Woody Allen film," said Bruni-Sarkozy, who has a son from a relationship before Sarkozy. "I cannot in my life miss an opportunity like this."

Bruni-Sarkozy had a small role in the 1994 Robert Altman

film "Pret-a-Porter" (Ready to Wear) and the 1998 move "Paparazzi," by Alain Berberian, each time playing herself. Her sister Valeria Bruni-Tedeschi is an actress and director.

When Allen was once asked what famous person he would like to see act, the Dalai Lama or the queen of England, he replied: "Carla Bruni," according to the first lady's Web site. "She has charisma and she's used to appearing on stage. I could give her any role at all," the site quotes the director as saying.

Bruni released a new album two years ago but refused to tour and gives royalties to the Foundation of France.

It was not clear whether she was being paid for her Allen film role.

The film also features Oscar-winning actress Marion Cotillard. Other stars are Rachel McAdams and Kathy Bates.

crews conducting interviews. People were generally supportive, whether it was merchants expecting a boost in business or residents caught up in the buzz.

A number of shops posted

signs like "Congratulations Marc and Chelsea." One shop posted pictures of the Clintons, and a sign on a cosmetics store read: "Oprah! Please make my soap one of your favorite

things." (Winfrey was reportedly invited.)

"We're excited, and we're respecting their privacy as much as we can," said Julie Turpin, as she walked her dog Coco.

Hungary sued for art looted during Holocaust

WASHINGTON (AP)—Heirs of a renowned Jewish art collector are suing the government of Hungary for the return of more than \$100 million worth of paintings seized during World War II.

The family of Baron Mor Lipot Herzog has tried for more than 10 years to recapture the paintings through Hungarian courts, to no avail. This week, the heirs filed suit in U.S. District Court in Washington. They also are suing several state-owned museums.

The Herzog family alleges that the museums have about 40 pieces of the massive Herzog collection — paintings and other works that were plun-

dered by Hungary, a wartime ally of Nazi Germany.

"What happened in the Holocaust was reprehensible," said Herzog's great grandson, David de Csepel. "But what Hungary is doing is also egregious — knowing that this art belonged to our family."

Csepel resides in Los Angeles and says the family is hopeful about the case it filed Tuesday in the U.S. court.

"We'd just like to see our art come back to the family," he said.

Experts say the Herzog family could see the return of some of its art, which includes pieces by El Greco and

Francisco de Zurbaran.

"Part of the purpose of bringing these Holocaust art lawsuits in the United States is to publicize the lack of regard exhibited by the foreign governments and their museums to the needs and claims of the families from whom this art has been taken," said Judah Best, a Washington lawyer and a commissioner of the Smithsonian American Art Museum.

"The history of these kinds of actions is that some form of settlement takes place in the battle between heirs of an owner of such precious art and the governments and their museums," Best added.

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Alec Baldwin, Chris O'Donnell
 Children's, Family • Rated PG

Synopsis

The epic struggle for control of planet Earth continues in this sequel to the 2001 comedy that had pet owners all across the world looking at their house pets in a whole new light. Chris O'Donnell and 30 Rock's Jack McBrayer head up the cast of the production, with scripting duties being handled by Brother Bear's Ron J. Friedman and Steve Bench.



Charlie St. Cloud

Friday and Saturday 1:30 4:30 7:30 10:00
 Sun through Thurs 1:30 4:30 7:30

Zac Efron, Kim Basinger
 Drama • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

Zac Efron reteams with 7 Again's Burr Steers for this adaptation of Ben Sherwood's novel regarding a caretaker of a cemetery who has daily discussions with his deceased brother. Kim Basinger heads up the supporting cast as the young men's mother.



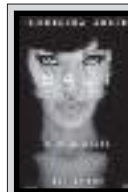
Dinner For Schmucks

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Steve Carell, Paul Rudd
 Comedy • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

Steve Carell, Paul Rudd, and Zach Galifianakis star in this remake of director Francis Veber's César award-winning 1998 comedy concerning a renowned publisher who encourages his friends to find the most pathetic guests possible for their weekly dinner party.



Salt

Friday and Saturday 1:25 4:25 7:25 9:55
 Sun through Thurs 1:25 4:25 7:25

Angelina Jolie, Liev Schreiber
 Thriller • Rated PG 13



Ramona and Beezus

Friday and Saturday 1:10 4:20 7:10 9:35
 Sun through Thurs 1:10 4:20 7:10

Sandra Oh, Bridget Moynahan
 Children's family • Rated G



Inception

Friday and Saturday 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:50
 Sun through Thurs 1:00 4:00 7:00

Leonardo DiCaprio, Marion Cotillard
 Action, Science fiction • Rated PG 13



The Sorcerer's Apprentice

Friday and Saturday 1:20 4:10 7:20 9:30
 Sun through Thurs 1:20 4:10 7:20

Nicolas Cage, Jay Baruchel
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Solitary man reaches out, but now is lonely in a crowd

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I'm a gay 44-year-old man with self-esteem problems. I have never seen myself as worthy of affection, and I don't consider myself attractive. I have never been in a relationship, and no one outside of my family has ever said "I love you" to me.

I have recently tried to come out of my shell. As a result, the network of people I associate with has tripled—and I think that has compounded my problem. Aside from parties where everyone is invited, I never hear from any of these people. I have only a couple of good friends, people I can talk to.

I have leaned on my friends to try to help me with my problem. But I'm afraid if I keep unloading on them it'll wear them down, and I don't want to burden them.

I wish I didn't feel so worthless. I know part of my problem is the fact that I am unemployed and worried about money. But this is who I have been my whole life. How do I break the cycle and start feeling good about myself? I'm tired of being lonely all the time.

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DEAR LONELY: One way to stop feeling lonely is to give yourself less time to feel that way. Because you are unemployed and have the time, volunteer some of it. Find a nonprofit that helps homeless gay youth or senior citizens—or, because the political scene is heating up, the party of your choice.

And while you're at it, contact a gay and lesbian center and ask what kind of counseling services it offers, because your problems predate your unemployment. There is help available in your city. Once you understand why you feel "unworthy of affection" you'll be able to improve your self-esteem. There are better days ahead.

DEAR ABBY: My office was relocated recently, a bit farther away from home than the old one. My new commute involves riding public transportation and then a shared shuttle van.

One of my co-workers, "Phil," rides the same shuttle. He always waits for me to get off the shuttle so he can walk with me to the office. He seems nice enough and well-meaning, but my mornings are my time to prepare myself for the day. He also occasionally touches my arm, which makes me uncomfortable. He also talks about personal things I would rather not hear about.

I would prefer to walk without him, but there is no other way to get to the office. I have debated being 10 minutes late to work each day, but then I would need to stay 10 minutes later and it would be much harder for me to catch the later shuttle.

What do I do? Tell Phil I don't want to walk with him? Walk faster? Go in later?

UNCOMFORTABLE IN SOUTH
SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE: Tell Phil that as you walk to the office you meditate—that it helps "center" you in preparing for the workday. Explain that when he talks to you or touches you it's distracting, so you would prefer that he go on ahead. It's the truth, and he should accommodate you.

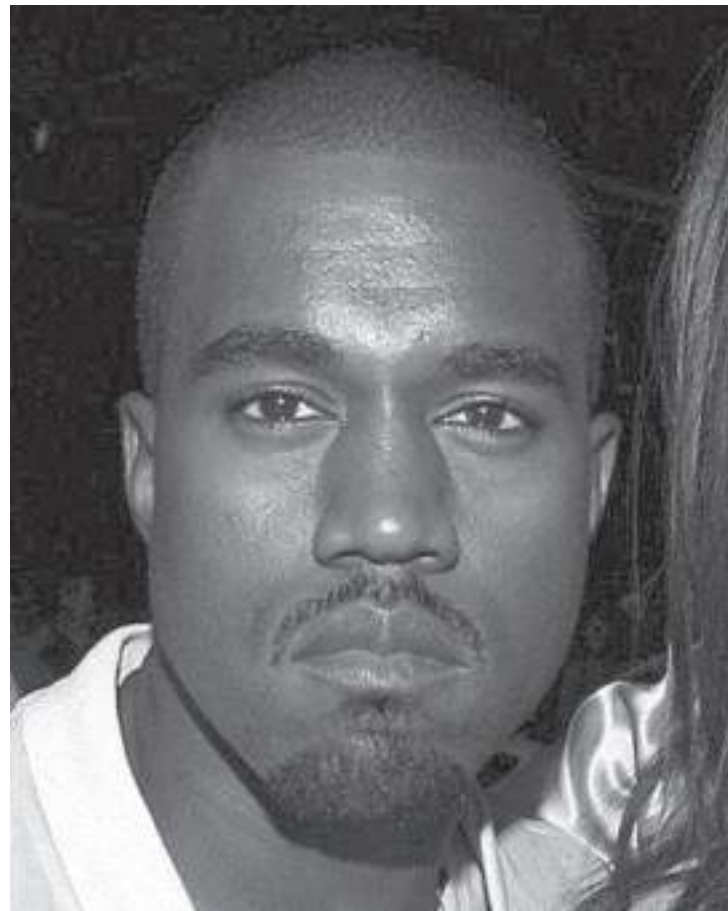
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Kanye West performs for Facebook, joins Twitter



In this June 28, 2009 file photo, singer Kanye West appears backstage at the 9th Annual BET Awards in Los Angeles.

NEW YORK (AP)—With the release of a new album approaching, Kanye West is making sure he's up to date with the social networking sites.

He joined Twitter on Wednesday, one day after going to the offices of Facebook, in Palo Alto, Calif., to preview some of

Hollywood Foreign Press gives away \$1.5 million

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Hollywood Foreign Press Association is giving away money.

The group behind the Golden Globe Awards presented \$1.5 million in grants to nonprofit film organizations at a star-studded luncheon Wednesday at the Four Seasons Hotel.

Eva Longoria Parker helped HFPA president Philip Berk hand out checks to film schools and groups that support film promotion and preservation.

The actress acknowledged she was slightly star-struck as she read from a script to present the various checks.

"This is hard for me, this teleprompter, because Nicole Kidman is sitting right behind it," Parker said as she struggled with the transparent panels that flanked the podium. She decided to read from the screen away from Kidman's table. Kidman was among



In this June 30, 2010 file photo, US actress Eva Longoria poses during the presentation of a new refrigerator in Madrid.

the stars who accepted the grants on stage, along with Bryan Cranston, Jane Lynch, Ryan Phillippe, John Slattery, Matthew Fox, Aaron Sorkin, Carla Gugino, Jim Parsons, Kaley Cuoco and Annette Bening.

his new material.

Videos of him rapping a cappella while standing on a conference table have been posted on YouTube. On his website afterward, West posted a letter to Facebook, thanking the staff for their support: "Your energy was a gift so

electric, so genuine, that it really helped me give my best."

An e-mail request for comment from Facebook was not immediately returned.

West's new as-of-yet untitled album is expected to be released Sept. 14.

No charges filed in probe of other Jackson doctors

LOS ANGELES (AP)—State investigators probing the death of Michael Jackson have decided not to file charges against seven doctors who treated him, authorities said Wednesday.

The doctors were part of an investigation by state Attorney General Jerry Brown's Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, spokeswoman Christine Gasparac said.

One doctor whose name was not released has been referred to the California Medical Board for prescribing drugs to a Jackson alias, she said.

Candis Cohen, a board spokeswoman, declined to confirm the action, saying complaints and investigations were not public record.

Jackson's personal doctor, Conrad Murray, has pleaded not guilty to felony involuntary manslaughter in the singer's death. Authorities say Murray provided Jackson with a mix of sedatives, including a powerful anesthetic that killed him.

Murray was not among the

seven doctors involved in the state investigation.

Los Angeles police who investigated the death had asked state and federal investigators to look into the prescribing practices of doctors who previously treated the 50-year-old pop star.

The federal Drug Enforcement Agency has also stopped investigating the actions of any other Jackson doctors, agency spokeswoman Sarah Pullen said.

"I am very disappointed," said attorney Brian Oxman, who represents Michael Jackson's father Joe Jackson in a wrongful death lawsuit against Murray. "The misuse of medications by Michael Jackson in the last years of his life was excessive and to fail to bring that to the public eye is ignoring reality."

The state investigation included the search of a prescription drug database that tracks doctors who prescribe controlled substances. The database also monitors the quantity and recipients of those drugs.

What's Jay-Z's state of mind over spoof?

LONDON (AP)—An online parody of a Jay-Z hit that swaps New York's metropolis for a modest Welsh port town has won hundreds of thousands of fans, the director of the spoof said Wednesday.

The video "Newport (Ymerodraeth State of Mind)," a comic tribute to Jay-Z and Alicia Keys' 2009 single "Empire State of Mind," has been viewed more than 1.65 million times on YouTube and drawn praise for its witty lyrics. Ymerodraeth is the Welsh word for empire.

Morgan Jane Delaney, a 24-year-old filmmaker, shot a near frame-by-frame recreation of the original music video, but in the less glamorous surroundings of the south Wales city—about 140 miles (220 kilometer) west of London.

She said the concept be-

gan as a private joke with her boyfriend and their comedian friend, but soon snowballed into a film project.

"We just started singing different place names instead of New York, just as a joke, and we thought that Newport was funny. I don't really know why I decided to go the whole hog and make a film of it, but it just seemed like fun," the director said.

"When you're in Newport. Chips, cheese, curry makes you feel brand new, washed down with a Special Brew," the lyric reads, referring to a local fast-food meal and Special Brew, a type of super-strength beer.

The spoof, filmed last month, quickly won some high-profile fans—including British singer Lily Allen, who posted a link to the film on her Twitter account.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

CBS pits youth against age on next 'Survivor'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Survivor" is going to exploit the generation gap. CBS says the upcoming edition of the CBS reality show "Survivor: Nicaragua" will divide contestants into two tribes, young vs. old—with "old" defined as starting at 40 for the so-called Espada Tribe. The La Flor Tribe will be made up of people 30 and younger. The elders will have the chance to demonstrate that their experience and knowledge can

help them best the "youth and vitality" of the younger crew, CBS said Wednesday. "Survivor: Nicaragua" will debut 8 p.m. EDT Wednesday, Sept. 15, returning to the time slot in which "Survivor" first premiered in summer 2000.

Real-life drama: Susan Lucci working on memoir

NEW YORK (AP)—It's a breakthrough for Susan Lucci. No, not a second Emmy. She has a book deal. It Books said Wednesday that the longtime star of "All My

Children" has a memoir coming out next year. Her book is currently untitled. It will cover her role as Erica Kane on the daytime soap and her years as a stage performer. Of course, she'll also talk about snagging an Emmy in 1999 after years of falling short. It Books is an imprint of HarperCollins.

Frank Sinatra musical 'Come Fly Away' to close

NEW YORK (AP)—The Frank Sinatra jukebox musical "Come Fly Away" will close on Broad-

way. The show will end its run at the Marquis Theatre on Sept. 5, producers announced Wednesday. The production was conceived, choreographed and directed by Twyla Tharp, who won a Drama Desk award for choreography. "Come Fly Away," which opened on Broadway in March, will embark on a national tour in May 2011 in Chicago. Producers said more details on the tour will be announced later. The show features a 19-piece band, 15 dancers and many of Sinatra's most popular songs

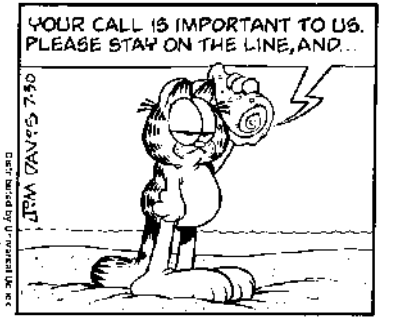
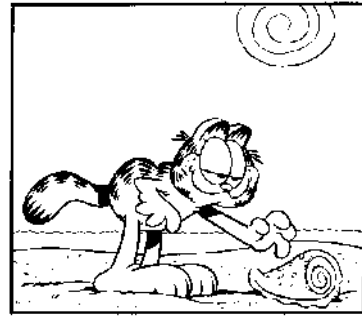
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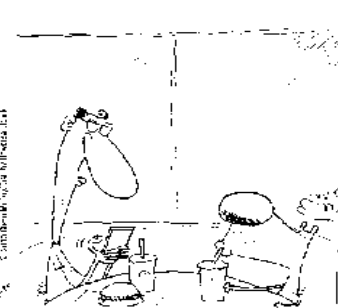
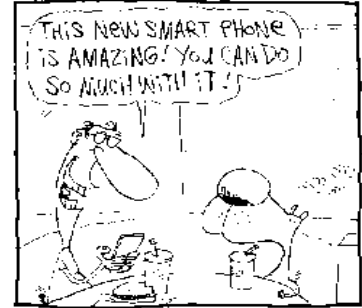
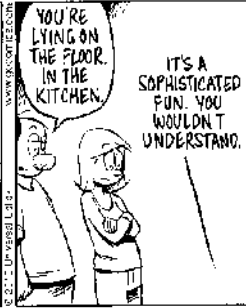
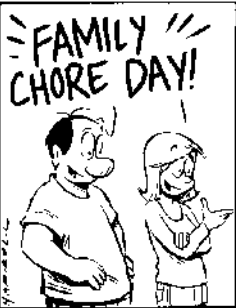


Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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13 Vicinity	46 Options list	5 Dry	25 Snare
14 "Forget it"	47 Genealogy chart	6 Witness	26 First Roman emperor
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17 Ganges wrap	49 Tosses in	8 Marching properly	28 Leak slow y
18 Wilbur's horse	50 Tackles' team mates	9 Ark builder	30 Stop up
19 Bygone anesthetic	51 Stitch	10 Shrek, c.g.	33 Hateful
20 Song of sorrow		11 Bleak, in Holly wood	34 "M'A'S'H" star
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35 Nitwit			45 Fresh

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 7-30

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Hilary Swank, 36; Tom Green, 39; Lisa Kudrow, 47; Laurence Fishburne, 49

Happy Birthday: It's all about learning, experiencing and doing this year. A new way of looking at old ideas and concepts will keep you in the game. Travel will lead to knowledge and experience, furthering your goals. Dealing with friends, neighbors and relatives will be stressful if you don't learn to say no. Your numbers are 3, 7, 17, 21, 30, 36, 42

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Keep your secrets to yourself. Take on responsibilities so everyone can see you are serious about your work. Socialize in the evening and you will come across someone with an interesting take on the future. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Love and romance are highlighted. Finish your work quickly and prepare to spend time with the one you love. If single, attend events where you can meet people and find love. Short trips will be frustrating due to delays but you will engage in conversations with interesting people. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Just when you think you are home free, you'll face someone unhappy with the way you have done things. Try to avoid any sort of confrontation. The best alternative is to volunteer to help an organization you believe in. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't let the little things bother you so much and you will discover there is plenty to be thankful for and to enjoy. If you strive to be positive, you will beat the odds and find comfort in your home, family and relationships. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You need to get away either mentally or physically. If you can take a mini vacation, do so. If not, lose yourself in a good book or a hobby. A new concept or pastime will introduce you to different philosophies or lifestyles. It's never too late to make changes. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): This can turn into a fabulous weekend if you put everything aside and focus on your love life. Don't let financial worries stop you from enjoying the comfort you get from spending time with family. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll be back and forth and back again when it comes to making a personal or professional decision. Before you drive yourself and everyone around you crazy, ask someone you trust for advice. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put everything aside and focus on love and self-improvement. This is a great time to evaluate your personal life. Once you sort out how you can be more effective as a companion, friend and lover, the other uncertainties will clear up. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep your emotional feelings out of any conversation you get into, especially if it involves friends, relatives or neighbors. Keep things light and stand true to your promises. Problems while traveling can be expected. **

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Deal with paperwork and personal business involving settlements, legalities, invest-

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ments or health issues rather than trying to get along with someone looking for a fight. Travel and communication will only lead to frustration and differences. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look back and you will see what needs to be done in the future. Past partners and financial mistakes you have made will come to mind, reminding you not to repeat what you did the last time. A residential move will help you change your life. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Make a professional move. Interviews, sending out your resume and exploring ways to offer your skills will all bring positive results. A relationship you have with someone will improve if you listen to the ideas, plans and intentions being suggested. ***

Birthday Baby: You are inquisitive and emotional, a student, teacher and leader. You are objective and resilient. You never give up.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The letter letters spell the Wonderword.

RUE McClanahan (1934-2010)

Solution: 8 letters

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on February 25, 2010, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following properties: Lot No. 019 J 80, situated in Dandan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 925 square meters, more or less, as shown on DLS Check No. 019J15, dated November 12, 2003, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 03-2501, the description therein incorporated herein by reference.

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Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 21st day of July, 2010:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

LAW OFFICES OF S. JOSHUA BERGER

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Saipan, MP 96950
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Attorney for Plaintiff

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF SAIPAN, INC., Plaintiff,	CIVIL ACTION NO. 08-0119
vs.	AMENDED SUMMONS
CHRISTINE B. FIDELINO and CRISTETA B. FIDELINO, Defendants.	

TO : CRISTETA B. FIDELINO

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file with the Superior Court any Answer you wish to make to the Complaint, within twenty-one (21) days after the date of the last publication, that being August 20, 2010, and to deliver or mail a copy of your Answer to the Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Second Floor, D' Torres Building, Garapan, P.O. Box 504340, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

By Order of the above Court:

DATE this 8th day of July, 2010.

/s/CLERK OF COURT

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID
ITB10-DOC-138**

CLOSING DATE: MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2010 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

“REPLACEMENT OF REGULAR STREET LAMPS TO LED STREET LIGHTS FOR SAIPAN, TINIAN AND ROTA”

COPIES OF THE BID PACKAGE CAN BE OBTAINED VIA EMAIL BY REQUEST FROM ROY P. REYES, P.E. AT rreyes@cnmiana.net ON OR AFTER JULY 26, 2010. IF HARD COPIES ARE DESIRED, BIDDERS MAY CONTACT THE PROJECT MANAGER AT THE PROVIDED EMAIL ADDRESS FOR ARRANGEMENTS.

A MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE CONFERENCE ROOM, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 10TH, 2010 BEGINNING AT 10 AM.

THIS IS AN AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 PROJECT AND AS SUCH ALL MATERIALS PURCHASED MUST BE MANUFACTURED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACCORDING TO THE BUY AMERICAN ACT.

THIS IS A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECT; AS SUCH, LOCAL PREFERENCE IS NOT AVAILABLE, BECAUSE IT IS PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW.

/S/ MICHAEL J. ADA SECRETARY OF COMMERCE /S/ MARTIN C. SABLAN SECRETARY OF PUBLIC WORKS /S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN DIRECTOR, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID
ITB10-RDOL-110**

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: AUGUST 10, 2010 • TIME: 10:00 A.M.

“OFFICE SPACE RENTAL FOR DEPARTMENT OF LABOR - ROTA BRANCH”

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

PREFERENCE IS AVAILABLE TO U.S. CITIZENS OR PERMANENT RESIDENTS AS PER PUBLIC LAW 15-95 AND AS FURTHER AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW 15-118 AND MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE BID IF PREFERENCE IS CLAIMED

THE LESSOR MUST COMPLY WITH CNMI PUBLIC LAW 15-23, ARTICLE 5, SECTION 8652 (A) - (D).

/S/ MELCHOR A. MENDIOLA MAYOR OF ROTA /S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN DIRECTOR, P&S

PUBLIC NOTICE



BONA ANGELES aka BONA VARGAS is no longer connected with **GOLDEN HARVEST INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL & DAY CARE.** Any transaction made by her on behalf of the school will not be accepted.

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID
ITB10-DPW/ED-130**

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: AUGUST 10, 2010 • TIME: 1:00 P.M.

“SUPPLY AND DELIVER OF HOME ENERGY OFFICE KIT FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - ENERGY OFFICE”

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THIS PROJECT IS FUNDED IN WHOLE FROM THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) OF 2009 THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.

THIS IS A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECT; AS SUCH, LOCAL PREFERENCE IS NOT AVAILABLE, BECAUSE ITS USE IS PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW GRANTING FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT.

/S/ MARTIN C. SABLAN SECRETARY OF PUBLIC WORKS /S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN DIRECTOR, P&S /S/ MICHAEL J. ADA Secretary of Commerce /S/ THELMA B. INOS Energy Director

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP10-CDD-139**

SUBMISSION: AUGUST 19, 2010 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

“PRIVATIZATION OF CALL-A-RIDE PROGRAM FOR SAIPAN”

THE RFP PACKAGE MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY IN LOWERBASE, SAIPAN DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

ANY QUESTIONS OR INQUIRIES FOR CLARIFICATION IS DUE NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, AUGUST 10, 2010 AND SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MS. PAMELA C. SABLAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT (670) 664-7000 OR E-MAILED TO psablan.cnmicdd@gmail.com

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/S/ PAMELA C. SABLAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CDD /S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN Director, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP10-CHC-136**

SUBMISSION DATE: AUGUST 24, 2010 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

“MEDICAL COORDINATOR PROVIDER IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR THE COMMONWEALTH HEALTH CENTER - MEDICAL REFERRAL SERVICES”

THE RFP PACKAGE MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY IN LOWERBASE, SAIPAN DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 10, 2010 AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE COMMON-WEALTH HEALTH CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM. ALL QUESTIONS OR INQUIRIES FOR CLARIFICATION IS DUE ON AUGUST 13, 2010. CLOSE OF BUSINESS AND SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MR. RONALD D. SABLAN, MANAGER, MEDICAL REFERRAL SERVICES AT TEL. (670) 236-8294, BY FAX TO (670) 236-8604 OR VIA E-MAIL AT medrefspn@gmail.com

PREFERENCE IS AVAILABLE TO US CITIZENS OR PERMANENT RESIDENTS AS PER PUBLIC LAW 15-95 AND AS FURTHER AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW 15-118 AND MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH PROPOSAL IF PREFERENCE IS CLAIMED.

/S/ JOSEPH K.P. VILLAGOMEZ SECRETARY OF HEALTH /S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN DIRECTOR, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB10-RDOF-144**

SUBMISSION DATE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2010 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

“OFFICE SPACE RENTAL ON ROTA CNMI FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE (RDOF)”

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

PREFERENCE IS AVAILABLE TO U.S. CITIZENS OR PERMANENT RESIDENTS AS PER PUBLIC LAW 15-95 AND AS FURTHER AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW 15-118 AND MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE BID IF PREFERENCE IS CLAIM.

THE LESSOR MUST BE COMPLYING WITH PUBLIC LAW 15-23, ARTICLE 5, SECTION 8652 (A)-(D).

/S/ MELCHOR A. MENDIOLA MAYOR OF ROTA /S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN DIRECTOR, P&S /S/ STACY ANN M. ATALIG RESIDENT DIRECTOR, RDOF

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP10-CDD-140**

SUBMISSION: AUGUST 19, 2010 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

“PRIVATIZATION OF CALL-A-RIDE PROGRAM FOR TINIAN

THE RFP PACKAGE MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY IN LOWERBASE, SAIPAN DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

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/S/ PAMELA C. SABLAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CDD /S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN Director, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP10-CHC-137**

SUBMISSION DATE: AUGUST 25, 2010 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

“MEDICAL REFERRAL TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR THE COMMONWEALTH HEALTH CENTER - MEDICAL REFERRAL SERVICES”

THE RFP PACKAGE MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY IN LOWERBASE, SAIPAN DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 11, 2010 AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE COMMON-WEALTH HEALTH CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM. ALL QUESTIONS OR INQUIRIES FOR CLARIFICATION IS DUE ON AUGUST 16, 2010. CLOSE OF BUSINESS AND SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MR. RONALD D. SABLAN, MANAGER, MEDICAL REFERRAL SERVICES AT TEL. (670) 236-8294, BY FAX TO (670) 236-8604 OR VIA E-MAIL AT medrefspn@gmail.com

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/S/ JOSEPH K.P. VILLAGOMEZ SECRETARY OF HEALTH /S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN DIRECTOR, P&S

**REQUEST for PROPOSALS
MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST
RFP 10-02**

INVESTMENT in a LOCAL HIGH YIELD LOAN PROGRAM

This is a request for any and all investment proposals from interested parties or firms seeking capital sources or funding for projects or ventures within the CNMI.

MPLT Board of Trustees has recently updated its Asset Allocation and determined that a percentage (5%) of its total investment portfolio (\$3.36 million) shall be devoted to a local investment program. This local investment program will be designated as high yield investments since the associated risks are much higher than those of publicly traded investment grade securities. The reasons for this are as follows:

- Challenges to obtaining sufficient capital for projects or ventures.
- Associated promissory notes cannot be traded or sold thus have no liquidity.
- Associated promissory notes are not rated and considered less than investment grade.
- Often the local private or public sector proposer's ability to repay the loan is challenged.
- Credit rating for such borrowers is often low.
- Ability to raise capital or obtain credit is limited.
- Maximum exposure for each investment cannot be controlled.
- Sufficient collateral beyond those acquired with loan proceed is limited.

As a high yield investment, MPLT may limit the duration for each investment to not more than five years. This is **not** a low-income or low interest rate program. Interest rates will be determined based upon risk and duration. Due to the higher risks associated with this type of investment, a risk premium will be added to the base interest rate.

Proposal information and guidelines under this program can be obtained at the MPLT office as shown below.

Five (5) copies plus one original of the sealed proposals must be submitted to the MPLT Office, 1313 Anatahan Drive, Capital Hill Saipan, MP 96950 no later than 2:00 PM, on August 25, 2010. Proposals must be sealed and marked **“Local High Yield Loan Program, RFP 10-02”**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The MPLT reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so shall be in its best interests. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the MPLT.

Phillip Mendiola-Long
Chairman

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
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NOTICE OF AUCTION
IN THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, hereinafter referred to as NMHC, as auctioneer and seller, hereby gives notice that all of the rights, title, and interests of the following described real property situated in Garapan, Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Lot No. 003 D 02 (Formerly Block 1 Lot 2), as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat Number 003 D 00 dated February 19, 1971, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry on the 1st day of March, 1971, as Document No. 689, and containing an area of 1,022 square meters, more or less, together with the improvements and fixtures located thereon and therein and the appurtenances and all the rights, title, and interest of, in, and to the land lying in all streets, highways, and rights of ways abutting on or appurtenant to said premises.

Minimum Bid: The minimum bid for the property mentioned above in this notice shall be \$90,000.00.

The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at NMHC's conference room, Garapan, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 1, 2010, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

- Reserve: The auction sale shall be held with reserve.
- Rights and Duties of Auctioneer: Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, auctioneer and seller shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
 - To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
 - To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
 - To reject any and all bids.
- Bids: Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Mr. Joshua T. Sasamoto, Corporate Director, NMHC, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-6866; Facsimile: 234-9021; or to Mr. Vicente T. Salas, Esq., P.O. Box 501309, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-7455; Facsimile: 234-7256.
- Deposit: Payment: A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within three (3) calendar days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within three (3) calendar days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title, and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to NMHC.
- Change of Terms: Auctioneer and NMHC reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
- Inspection and No Warranty: Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact NMHC for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold “AS IS” and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 21st day of July, 2010.

/s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO, Corporate Director

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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 12, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that a Regular Meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, August 4, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room in Garapan, Saipan. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance at 670.234-6866/7689/7670 during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. thru 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

- PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
 - Call to Order
 - Roll Call
 - Adoption of Agenda
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
 - June 15, 2010 – Special Meeting
 - July 20, 2010 – Regular Meeting
- PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**
 - Update on Proposed Projects for Program Year 2010
- MORTGAGE CREDIT PROGRAMS**
 - HOME Loan for Approval
 - Other Loan Matters
 - RD Defaulted Loans Proposal Update
- PROGRAM & HOUSING**
 - HUD TA - August 10-13, 2010
- FIELD OFFICE REPORTS**
- ADMIN & PROCUREMENT MATTERS**
- FISCAL MATTERS**
 - Travel Policy
 - Budget
- EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- OTHER MATTERS**
- ADJOURNMENT**

NOTE: Pursuant to PL 8-41, Section 13(6) and (7), some discussion of the above may be under Executive Session.

/s/ MARCIE M. TOMOKANE
Chairwoman of the Board

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Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Military Relocation

On behalf of the Department of Defense (DoD), the Department of the Navy (DoN), in cooperation with Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, United States (U.S.) Environmental Protection Agency Region 9, U.S. Office of Insular Affairs, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and U.S. Air Force, has prepared the FEIS for the Guam and the CNMI Military Relocation. The FEIS evaluates the potential environmental effects of the proposed actions, made up of complex, multi-service projects involving components of the U.S. Marine Corps, Navy, and Army. Included in the analysis are the following actions:

- Marine Corps' proposed facilities and infrastructure to accommodate their relocation to Guam, including associated training and operations on Guam and related actions such as utilities and roadway projects on Guam;
- Marine Corps' proposed development of live-fire training ranges to support training and operations that would occur on Tinian in the CNMI associated with their relocation to Guam;
- Navy's proposed deep-draft wharf with shoreside improvements creating a new capability in Apra Harbor, Guam, to support a transient nuclear-powered aircraft carrier; and
- Army's proposed facilities to accommodate an Air and Missile Defense Task Force on Guam.

The Notice of Availability of the FEIS was published in the *Federal Register* on July 28, 2010. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations, and Environment) will announce her Record of Decision with respect to the proposed Marine Corps relocation and aircraft carrier wharf in the *Federal Register* after the 30-day waiting period has ended. The Department of the Army may co-sign the Record of Decision with respect to the proposed Air and Missile Defense Task Force after the 30-day waiting period has ended.

The FEIS has been distributed to various federal, state, and local agencies, as well as other interested individuals and organizations. Copies of the FEIS are available for public review at the following libraries:

- University of Guam Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library, Government Documents, Tan Siu Lin Building, UOG Station, Mangilao, GU 96923
- Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library, 254 Martyr Street, Hagåtña, GU 96910
- Joeten Kiyu Public Library, P.O. Box 501092, Saipan, MP 96950
- Northern Marianas College Olympio T. Borja Memorial Library, P.O. Box 501250, Saipan, MP 96950
- Tinian Public Library, P.O. Box 520704, Tinian, MP 96952

The FEIS is also available electronically on the project website <http://www.guambuildupeis.us>. For more information, contact the FEIS Project Manager Kyle Fujimoto, 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860, Telephone: 808-472-1442.



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
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INVITATION TO BID ITB10-GOV-128

ADDENDUM NO. 1
07-19-10

Tinian Health Center Supply and Installation of Medical and Dental Equipment

The previously advertised notice, Invitation To Bids ("ITB") for the **"Supply and Installation of Medical and Dental Equipment"** has been amended. The specific amendment is to extend when bids are due when bids will open.

Amendment shall read:

*Bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, August 16, 2010**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. Saipan local time August 16, 2010**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to @opticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **August 16, 2010** and must be received no later than **August 25, 2010 (Saipan Local Time)**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.*

*Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, August 26, 2010**. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **11:00 a.m. Saipan local time, on August 16, 2010***

All other elements of the ITB remain as originally provided. For further information on this project, please contact the Office of Capital Improvement, Capitol Hill, Saipan, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Monday through Friday, except holidays) or by contacting Ms. Nerissa Benavente, Project Coordinator at 664-2374 or by fax at 664-2408.

/s/ Eloy S. Inos, Lieutenant Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Mariana Islands Procurement & Supply



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

3rd Floor, Joeten Commercial Building
P.O. Box 501220 CK, Dandan, Saipan, MP 96950

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

CUC-RFP-10-037

Implementation of work plans at Isley Field, CUC Power plant # 3, Saipan

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced environmental firms for the "Implementation of work plans at Isley Field / CUC Power Plant No. 3, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands". The work includes installation of equipment, data collection and development and implementation of clean up measures. Deliverables also include submission of periodic and appropriate sampling and assessment reports, proposed cleanup action /plan and performance report. A final report will also be required that shows the workplan implementation. All the work will be done as a part of the US EPA Stipulated order No. 2 response action and is subject to their approval. This project will be funded through the grant awarded by the US Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs.

The Scope-of-Work will be e-mailed upon request, to all interested Offerors, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays, **until August 13, 2010**.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-RFP-10-037 Implementation of Work plans at CUC Power Plant No. 3"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No.4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O.Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **August 24, 2010 at 10:00 AM, (CHST) local time**. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Manuel B. Sablan, Procurement & Supply Manager at email msablan@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Late submissions will not be considered.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on **August 5, 2010** at 9:30 AM (CHST) local time at the CUC conference room in 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan building, followed by a Site Visit (to Isley field Saipan).

A bid guarantee of 15 percent of the total proposal price must accompany the bid offer. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Office of the Attorney General. A performance and payment bond of hundred (100%) percent each of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety for proposal security or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Office of the Attorney General. No advance payment will be authorized on the project or an Irrevocable Letter of Credit (100% aggregate contract cost/CUC Beneficiary) or a payment bond. All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Offerors must submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

The proposer is required to submit a copy of his CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page – <http://www.dol.gov/esa/minwage/cnmi/cnmi.htm>. The contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (CHST) local time on **August 17, 2010** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Manager, Procurement and Supply Manager via email msablan@cucgov.net; Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email mika_muna@cucgov.net; Technical Manager for Oil, Mr. Will Sword via email sword.william@gmail.com and Mr. Venugopal Prabhakara, Managing Engineer, Power generation, via email venu@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective Offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. Contract will be awarded to the most responsive proposers, as adjudged by the Source Selection Committee (SSC). CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ ANTONIO S. MUNA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

CUC-RFP-10-040

GRANT MANAGEMENT/ADMINISTRATION and A&E TECHNICAL SERVICES

The Office of the Governor, Benigno R. Fitial and the Office of the Lt. Governor, Eloy S. Inos through the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation are soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified individuals or firms for Grant Management/Administration and Architect & Engineer Technical Services for the CUC Water-Wastewater Division in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists, in general, of contract administration of grants and locally funded projects, writing and developing grant, design development, bid package preparation, development of infrastructures of water and wastewater facilities.

The A&E firm services will be in contract for a period of one (1) year subject to renewal dependent on fund availability. The Contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws. Progress payments shall be to the Contractor. This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of Interior.

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One (1) original and six (6) copies along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-RFP-10-040, Grant Management/Administration and A&E Technical Services"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than Tuesday, **August 17, 2010 at 10:00 AM, (CHST) local time**. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and wave any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All inquires must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (CHST), local time on, **August 11, 2010** to Manuel B. Sablan, Jr., Procurement & Supply Manager via email at msablan@cucgov.net and Captain Robert Lorenz, Water-Wastewater Engineer at email robert_lorenz@cucgov.net.

/s/ ABE UTU MALAE
Assistant Executive Director for Operation

/s/ ANTONIO S. MUNA
Executive Director

Hairston pushes Padres over Dodgers



SAN DIEGO (AP)—Jerry Hairston Jr. drove in three runs to help the San Diego Padres to a 6-1 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers in the National League on Wednesday.

The Padres beat the Dodgers for the first time in five games at Petco Park this season.

San Diego starter Clayton Richard (8-5) and four relievers combined on a four-hitter. No Dodgers batter reached base after the third inning.

Los Angeles starter Hiroki Kuroda (8-9) retired 10 straight batters going into the sixth inning, when the Padres rallied to take the lead.

Giants 10, Marlins 9, 10 innings

In San Francisco, Andres Torres hit a ground-rule single with the bases loaded in the bottom of the 10th inning to lift San Francisco over Florida.

With one out in the 10th, the Giants hit three straightingles off Florida reliever Clay Hensley before Torres hit a long fly ball over the Marlins' drawn-in outfield. It bounced on the warning track and over the fence.

Torres, who hit a two-run home run that landed in the waters of McCovey Cove in the sixth inning, had four hits to lead the Giants, who had 17 hits.

San Francisco's Buster Posey extended his hitting streak to 21 games, longest in the majors. He is one shy of breaking the Giants' rookie record of 22 set by Willie McCovey in 1959.

The Marlins overcame deficits of 7-1 and 9-2 to force extra innings.

Cardinals 8, Mets 7, 13 innings

In New York, Albert Pujols drove in the go-ahead run with two outs in the 13th inning, as St. Louis survived a frantic comeback to edge New York.

The Cardinals scored six times off Mets ace Johan Santana in the first inning only to watch their bullpen let the lead slip away.

The Mets scored four times in the eighth to tie the game.

In the 13th, St. Louis got runners on the corner bases against Mets pitcher Pedro Feliciano (2-6). They elected to pitch to Pujols rather than walk the bases loaded, and Pujols hit a grounder through the left side for the winning run.

Mike MacDougal (1-0) worked the 12th inning to earn the win.

Reds 10, Brewers 2

In Milwaukee, Cincinnati's Brandon Phillips smacked a 450-foot grand slam as the visitors crunched Milwaukee.

The Reds scored 10 straight runs, capped by Phillips' shot in the eighth, for their 30th come-from-behind victory of the season.

Cincinnati's Travis Wood (1-1) earned his first win in the majors in his sixth start.

The Reds scored five runs in the sixth off Brewers starter Chris Narveson (8-7) and reliever Kameron Loe and five more off Carlos Villanueva in the eighth.

Braves 3, Nationals 1

In Washington, rookie Jason Heyward gave Atlanta its first steal of home in a decade as the Braves downed Washington.



San Diego Padres Jerry Hairston, left, celebrates with teammate Scott Hairston, center, as Everth Cabrera, right, looks on after beating the Los Angeles Dodgers in their baseball game Wednesday, July 28, 2010 in San Diego.

Atlanta went ahead 2-0 on Heyward's rare dash home while Brian McCann was caught in a rundown.

Braves starter Tim Hudson (11-5) shut down Washington the way he almost always does, allowing only one run in 7 2-3 innings, improving to 10-1 with a 1.49 ERA for his career against the Nationals franchise.

Washington starter Livan Hernandez (7-7) gave up three runs in 4 1-3 innings, his shortest outing of 2010.

Phillies 7, Diamondbacks 1

In Philadelphia, Roy Halladay threw his eighth complete game to steer Philadelphia to a comfortable win over Arizona.

Halladay (12-8) upped his scoreless innings streak at home to 33 before a ninth-inning hit.

Top prospect Domonic Brown had two hits and two RBIs in his major league debut for the Phillies, who have won seven straight overall and 10 in a row at home.

Brown was called up from the minors before the game after outfielder Shane Victorino went on the 15-day disabled list with an abdominal strain on his left side.

Arizona has lost six straight. It was the fourth straight defeat for Diamondbacks starter Edwin Jackson (6-10).

Astros 8, Cubs 1

In Houston, Carlos Lee hit two home runs, including the go-ahead homer in the sixth inning, as Houston beat Chicago.

The game was tied 1-1 before Lee connected for a two-run shot. His second, another two-run shot, made it 5-1 in the seventh.

Astros starter Bud Norris (3-7) allowed one unearned run and struck out seven in six innings for his first win since May.

Cubs starter Randy Wells (5-8) conceded three runs in 5 2-3 innings.

Pirates 6, Rockies 2

In Denver, Garrett Jones homered twice and Pittsburgh overcame an early injury to starting pitcher Ross Ohlendorf to hand Colorado its eighth straight loss.

Ohlendorf left after being hit in the face by a line drive in the first inning. He was checked at a hospital and was back at Coors Field before the game ended.

Jones drove in three runs with his third career two-homer game and second this season. A four-run third for the Pirates meant a premature finish for Colorado starter Aaron Cook (4-7), who had his shortest start this season.

The Rockies last lost eight straight in June 2008.

Sean Gallagher (1-0), acquired this month from San Diego, took over from Ohlendorf and pitched three hitless innings for the win.

Rays 7, Tigers 4

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Tampa Bay starting pitcher Jeff Niemann was in control over six innings, guiding the Rays to a win over the Detroit Tigers.

Niemann (9-3) allowed eight hits in

six innings, and Evan Longoria hit a two-run homer in the eighth.

The Rays got out of a seventh-inning jam for the second consecutive game after intentionally walking Miguel Cabrera to load the bases with two outs. A fly ball ended the inning and preserved Tampa Bay's 5-4 lead.

Carl Crawford had an RBI grounder off Eddie Bonine (4-1) as the Rays took a 5-3 lead in the fourth.

Red Sox 7, Angels 3

In Anaheim, Marco Scutaro hit a tie-breaking grand slam in the eighth inning as Boston wrapped up a 10-game West Coast road trip with a three-game sweep of Los Angeles.

The Angels were swept at home for the first time in 80 series, ending the majors' longest streak since Atlanta went 84 home series without being swept from 2003-06.

The Red Sox are 7-0 against Los Angeles this season.

Boston starter Josh Beckett (2-1) yielded five hits over seven innings in his first victory since April.

Fernando Rodney (4-1) took the loss for the Angels, who have lost seven of eight to drift out of contention in the AL West.

Athletics 3, Rangers 1

In Arlington, Trevor Cahill allowed one run over eight innings to guide Oakland to victory over Texas.

Cahill (10-4) took over the team lead in victories, breaking a tie with Gio Gonzalez. He improved to 5-1 for his career against Texas, 2-0 with a 0.87 ERA in three starts at Rangers Ballpark.

Kurt Suzuki homered and drove in two runs for Oakland, who moved within 7½ games of the AL West-leading Rangers.

Texas didn't score until the ninth, but starter Colby Lewis (9-7) had matched Cahill until Suzuki's homer in the sixth.

Yankees 8, Indians 0

In Cleveland, New York's Alex Rodriguez had two hits, but not homer No. 600, as the Yankees routed Cleveland.

New York starter A.J. Burnett (9-8) pitched 6 1-3 scoreless innings as the Yankees improved the best record in the majors (64-36) with their AL-leading ninth shutout.

Rodriguez didn't come close to getting his elusive 600th homer, though he went 2 for 5 with a run-scoring single in the first inning off Fausto Carmona (10-8).

Twins 6, Royals 4

In Kansas City, Delmon Young had a three-run homer as Minnesota finished a three-game sweep of Kansas City.

The Twins stayed on the heels of Chicago in the AL Central.

The Royals, who set a team record by allowing 42 runs and 53 hits in the three previous games, stemmed the flow somewhat but still lost.

Minnesota starter Brian Duensing (4-1) went six innings and gave up two runs.

Kansas City starter Brian Bannister (7-10) lost his fifth straight decision, going six-plus innings, allowing five runs.

White Sox 6, Mariners 5

In Chicago, Alex Rios hit a tiebreaking

RBI single in the seventh inning as Chicago rallied to beat Seattle and notch its 10th straight home win.

Juan Pierre, who reached base three times, started the winning rally with a leadoff walk against Jamey Wright (1-3). He took second with his major league-best 38th steal and moved to third on a sacrifice. Brandon League came in to face Rios, who bounced a single past a drawn-in infield, making it 6-5.

The White Sox hit three homers for the second straight day and won their third straight overall to move 12 games over .500, tying a season-high.

Chicago reliever Matt Thornton (3-3) got one out with the bases loaded to end the seventh, taking the win, while Bobby Jenks struck out the side in the ninth for his 21st save.

Blue Jays 5, Orioles 0

In Toronto, rookie left-hander Brad Mills pitched seven scoreless innings for his first major league win, steering Toronto past Baltimore for the 12th consecutive time.

Called up from the minors for his first start of the season and just the third of his career, Mills (1-0) allowed only two singles.

Lyle Overbay hit a three-run homer for the Blue Jays, who have won five of six. They lead the majors with 155 homers, having gone deep in 10 straight games and hit 25 in that span.

It was the eighth shutout of the season for Toronto, and the seventh blanking for the Orioles, who have lost five straight.

Baltimore starter Jeremy Guthrie (4-11) allowed six hits in seven innings.

Contador to leave Astana at end of 2010

MADRID (AP)—Tour de France winner Alberto Contador will leave Astana at the end of this season after the Spanish cyclist rejected the team's offer to extend his contract.

Contador said Wednesday he will study his options before deciding which team to ride for next season.

"Alberto Contador has rejected the Astana team's ultimatum, which had asked for an answer on its renewal offer on the upcoming seasons by Tuesday," Contador said in a statement. "Alberto Contador will calmly study all of the possibilities on offers for the coming season, and he hasn't dismissed any of them."

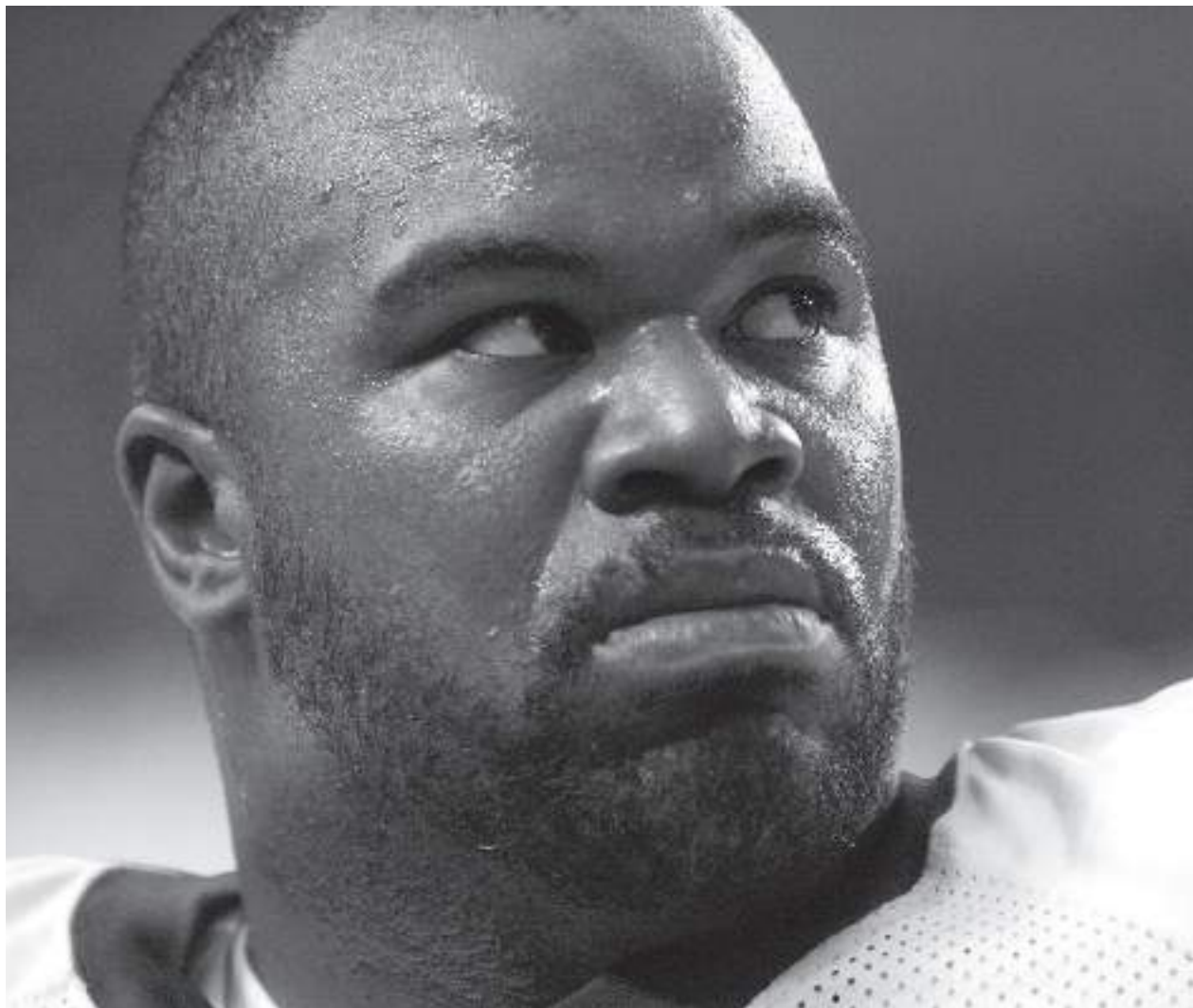
Contador did not divulge the offers he was studying.

In three seasons with the Kazakhstan-based team, Contador has won two of his three Tour titles, a Giro d'Italia and Spanish Vuelta title.

Contador arrived at Astana alongside team boss Johan Bruyneel in 2008, on the heels of his first Tour victory with the Discovery Channel team.

But Tour organizers denied Astana a place in the race that year due to doping violations. Instead, Contador became only the fifth cyclist to win all three of cycling's premier events with Giro and Vuelta triumphs—and the fastest to accomplish the feat.

Haynesworth must pass test, won't be with starters



In this Nov. 8, 2009, file photo, Washington Redskins defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth waits on the sidelines as they take on the Atlanta Falcons during the fourth quarter of an NFL football game in Atlanta.



ASHBURN, Va. (AP)—Albert Haynesworth finally showed up for work—and quickly learned the Washington Redskins won't be cutting him any slack.

On the eve of the first day of training camp, Haynesworth ended his months-long boycott of the team by meeting Wednesday morning with coach Mike Shanahan. Hardly sympathetic to the plight of a player who recently received a \$21 million bonus, the coach wasn't about to let bygones be bygones.

Shanahan said Haynesworth must pass a conditioning test in order to practice. And, assuming the test is passed, the two-time All-Pro defensive lineman with the \$100 million contract won't be practicing with the starting unit, at least not right away.

"I'm expecting him to be in great shape," Shanahan said. "And if he's not in great shape, then we're going to do what we need to do to get him in shape."

"Once he gets to that point, hopefully he'll fit into our system and do the things we want him to do. Because, if

he does, he can be an excellent football player for us. If not, we're going to be very good anyhow."

Asked if he expected Haynesworth to be a part of the team in 2010, Shanahan would only say: "We'll see."

"All I can do is tell you we're going to give him every opportunity to show us what we can do," the coach said. "Hopefully he'll like the position that we play him in and give us everything that he's got."

The "position that we play him in" is the main point of consternation for

Haynesworth. He's unhappy with the Redskins' switch to a 3-4 defense and would rather play for another team. Shanahan was ready to grant that wish in February and March—but the door was shut once Haynesworth collected the \$21 million bonus on April 1, part of the seven-year contract he signed a year earlier. The deal is part of the enduring legacy of a decade of bad offseason signings under owner Dan Snyder.

Thus Haynesworth continues to overshadow a team trying to turn a new page. By all rights, Thursday's start of training camp should be about Shanahan and new quarterback Donovan McNabb, but instead all eyes and ears will be on the disgruntled big man whom teammates called "selfish" when he skipped the mandatory minicamp last month. Even Shanahan said at the time that it was "really a shame that Albert has got so much attention for not showing up."

Haynesworth wants the freedom that helped make him a dominant player for

many years with the Tennessee Titans and most certainly does not want to line up as a nose tackle in a 3-4 defense. The Redskins have said he should at least give the defense a chance.

Shanahan said he was "very pleased" with Haynesworth's mindset during their Wednesday meeting, which perhaps could signal of change of heart.

"The conversation went well," the coach said, "and now we'll get a chance to see exactly where we're at in the near future."

Shanahan said he did not ask Haynesworth about the litany of legal issues that have surfaced and resurfaced during the offseason. Among the headlines: lawsuits by a bank over a loan repayment and by a man injured in an automobile accident, accusations from Haynesworth's ex-wife that he hasn't paid bills, and an allegation from an exotic dancer that he got her pregnant.

"I have not addressed those issues with him," Shanahan said. "He's a grown man."

Jets' Jenkins dropping weight while eating cookies

NEW YORK (AP)—Kris Jenkins is dropping pounds by eating cookies—oatmeal raisin, chocolate. Six of them every day.

Since May, the New York Jets' hefty nose tackle has shed 20 pounds, putting him at a svelte 365.

"It sounds funny, but I got serious about it," he said. "And, I have to say, it has been going great."

The 6-foot-4 Jenkins was up to 390—30 more than his normal playing weight—earlier this year while recovering from a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee. The injury sidelined him for the second half of last season.

"I couldn't run or do anything, and that's the hardest time I have personally to lose weight," Jenkins said. "Whenever I can't be active, I suffer. Honestly, I've had weight issues my whole career. It just got to the point where I got fed up."

So, Jenkins—weighing 385 at the time—flew to Miami to meet Dr. Sanford Siegal, creator of Dr. Siegal's Cookie Diet, which has been around since 1975. And that's when he started gobbling up cookies to supplement his weight-loss program.

"They're more like muffin tops than cookies," he said with a chuckle.

They're 90 calories each, have 2 1/2 grams of fat and contain ingredients like milk, soy, whole wheat flour, crisp rice and non-vegetable protein.

"It is both an asset and a liability, that name," said Matt Siegal, the doctor's son and the company's CEO. "People hear that name, Dr. Siegal's Cookie Diet, and they think at best it's another fad diet or at worst, it's a scam—what, do you eat Oreos all day? Once people go and do research, any notion that this is not serious is immediately dispelled."

He's not exactly downing batches of Chips Ahoy or Famous Amos, but Jenkins has become quite the cookie monster and a believer. After all, the scale doesn't lie.

"They're basically appetite suppressants and they make you feel full," he said. "It's like being able to have carbs and a dessert at the same time and lose weight."

Even sweeter: Coach Rex Ryan challenged him and teammate Damien Woody to a three-way weight-loss competition and whoever loses the most—to be determined at a training camp weigh-in Sunday in Cortland, N.Y.—will have a donation made in his name to a charity.

"Right now, I don't know where either of them stand, so we're just going to see on the weigh-in day," Jenkins said. "I'm hoping that I win and I pull this off."

His goal is to weigh 350 by the time training camp is over in late August.

"I've been blessed with genetics and things like that, but the thing you can't fight is time," said Jenkins, who turns 31 next week.

Jenkins recently told The New York Times he thought about retirement this offseason while rehabilitating from his injury. After discussing it with his wife, Tashia, and Ryan, Jenkins realized he wanted to get back on the field—maybe even more than he has in his previous nine seasons.

"I need this camp, I really do," he said. "I'm looking forward to this."

Jenkins raised some eyebrows last week during an interview with the NFL Network, when he said, "We've had some real men come in and step in for the women that we lost." He didn't specifically name any of his former teammates, but many fans and media assumed it was safety Kerry Rhodes.

Jenkins wouldn't confirm or deny he was talking about Rhodes, who lost his starting job last season and had disagreements with coaches before being traded to Arizona in March.

"When you have any player who comes into the locker room and you're ready to pad up and suit up and they think they're better than the team, as a veteran, I'm going to have a problem with that," Jenkins said. "You've got guys out on the field, bleeding and sweating to make sure we can try to be successful. So, when you have an individual that comes to the locker room and thinks they're above that, it upsets us."

Jenkins prefers to put all that in the past now, and he's focused on coming back healthier—one cookie at a time.

Gates gets \$36M contract extension from Chargers

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Antonio Gates has caught plenty of big passes for the San Diego Chargers, and on Wednesday he hauled in the biggest contract ever given to an NFL tight end.

Gates agreed to a \$36.175 million, five-year contract extension, with \$20.4 million guaranteed, according to a person familiar with the deal, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the figures weren't released. The deal averages \$7.235 million per season from 2011-15.

A college basketball star at Kent State, Gates blossomed from a rookie free agent in 2003 to a superstar who is a three-time All-Pro and six-time Pro Bowler.

With three other star players unhappy about their contracts, talks with Gates apparently intensified this week. Gates and other veterans are due to report to training camp on Thursday, with the first full-squad practice on Friday.

"I've been blessed my whole career to be with one team," Gates said in a statement released by the team. "It's always good to get it out of the way. The goal is to win a championship. We all are human and it becomes a distraction even though you might not want it

to be. It's always great to be able to go ahead and do what you need to do and get it out of the way."

It wasn't clear if getting Gates' deal done would lead to new deals for restricted free agents Marcus McNeill, Vincent Jackson and Shawne Merriman.

McNeill, the left tackle who protects quarterback Philip Rivers' blind side, and Jackson, a Pro Bowl wide receiver with two straight 1,000-yard seasons, are unhappy that they haven't been given long-term deals and are expected to hold out through training camp and the season's first 10 games. They are expected to return for the final six games to accrue another season toward unrestricted free agency.

Jackson and McNeill were tendered one-year deals at just more than \$3 million each. When they didn't sign the offers by June 15, the Chargers were entitled to offer them their same salaries as 2009, resulting in a loss of about \$2.5 million each.

Merriman hasn't signed his tender for \$3.269 million, but the outside linebacker was due a 10 percent raise anyway, which would put his 2010 pay at approximately the tender amount. Still, he hasn't said when he'll report.

These negotiations between Gates and the Chargers went much more smoothly than in 2005.

Gates held out during training camp that year, leading general manager A.J. Smith to take the extreme measure of placing him on the roster exempt list in an attempt to break the impasse, automatically triggering a three-game suspension. Gates missed the final two exhibition games and the season opener, which the Chargers lost.

Gates dumped the agent who represented him then and hired Tom Condon.

Smith said in a statement that Gates' work ethic and desire are unmatched. Smith didn't return calls seeking further comment.

Since his rookie season, Gates leads tight ends in touchdown catches with 59. He ranks second in yards, 6,223, and third in catches, 479. Gates has led the Chargers in catches each of the last six seasons. In 2009, he topped the Bolts with 79 catches and a career-best 1,157 yards, with eight touchdowns.

This is the second big contract for a Chargers player in less than a year. Rivers was given a contract extension worth nearly \$93 million toward the end of last year's training camp.

Family, friends mourn for former NBA player Wright

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Relatives and friends of Lorenzen Wright gathered Wednesday and grieved for the former NBA player who has been missing for 10 days, as police investigated the discovery of a man's body outside of Memphis.

Wright's uncle, Curtis Wright, told The Associated Press that police called the player's father, Herb Wright, Wednesday afternoon with the news he had died.

Sgt. Alyssa Macon-Moore of the Memphis Police Department wrote in an e-mail to the AP that police were investigating the death of an unidentified man beside a wooded area about 15 miles south of downtown Memphis. Asked if the man was Wright, she wrote they could not confirm the victim's identity Wednesday night.

The family issued a statement through a cousin of Lorenzen Wright, Camella Logan: "Lorenzen's family has come together to mourn his loss and honor his legacy. We appreciate your thoughts, prayers and condolences as they are comforting at this very difficult time. Additionally, we ask that you please respect our privacy as we try to cope with his sudden loss."

Wright's mother, Deborah Marion, arrived at the scene Wednesday night with a handful of family members. She crossed the crime scene tape and tried to talk to police when she was told to move back. She sat in a TV van before returning to the tape. Two officers then let her through.

The distraught Marion then started



In this Sept. 29, 2008, file photo, Cleveland Cavaliers' Lorenzen Wright poses at the NBA basketball team's media day in Independence, Ohio.

running down the road toward the crime scene before being stopped by an officer. She spoke with officers, then walked back past reporters without speaking straight to a van.

The 34-year-old Wright was last seen July 18 when he was expected to fly out of town. His family filed a missing person report July 22.

Wright played 13 years in the NBA for the Los Angeles Clippers, Atlanta Hawks, Memphis Grizzlies, Sacramento Kings and most recently the Cleve-

land Cavaliers with 17 games in the 2008-09 season. Wright left the University of Memphis early for the NBA, and the Clippers made him a lottery pick with the No. 7 selection overall.

He averaged 8 points and 6.4 rebounds in 778 career games.

By nightfall, nearly 200 people had visited the road blocked off by police while TV news helicopters showed investigators scouring the grounds for evidence. Police brought in a mobile command center that further blocked off the scene.

Former NBA star Penny Hardaway, who played at Memphis two years before Wright, said he heard the news from a friend and went to the scene near where the body was found.

"I cried. The emotions hit me immediately. It's just sad because we lost a good person and a brother," Hardaway said.

Elliot Perry, another friend and former Memphis player, also was at the scene. Wendy Wilson, who once worked as Wright's personal assistant, also was there and said Wright often used the road police had cordoned off as a shortcut to his mother's house.

"He was a good person. He did not deserve to die this way. God is not pleased with this," Wilson said.

Memphis Grizzlies majority owner Michael Heasley issued a statement late Wednesday saying, "We are deeply saddened by the tragic death of Lorenzen Wright. We lost a member of the Grizzlies family. Lorenzen delighted fans on the court with his passion and off the court with his generosity in a Memphis community that watched him grow throughout his playing career..."

Warriors' Lin hopes to beat Harvard stereotypes

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—The first Taiwanese-American signed by an NBA team hopes to overcome the negative stereotype of playing college basketball at Harvard and plans on eventually becoming a minister in an inner-city neighborhood.

Jeremy Lin, a 6-foot-3 undrafted point guard, signed last week with the Golden State Warriors after impressing coaches at the NBA Summer League in Las Vegas.

In five outings with the Dallas Mavericks, the soft-spoken 21-year-old native of Palo Alto, Calif., averaged 9.8 points and 3.2 rebounds per game.

Lin arrived in Taipei early Wednesday to appear at a charity event with other NBA players and Taiwanese celebrities.

At a downtown press conference he acknowledged that his NBA career path was far from common, but insisted he could still succeed.

"Coming out of college into the draft,

being Asian-American and being from Harvard, that's not going to be an advantage because of stereotypes," he said.

He told reporters that religion is a major part of his life and where he saw his eventual destiny.

"I still want to be a pastor somewhere down the line, that is something that is definitely on my radar," he said. "I have an economics degree with a minor in sociology. The reason I have that is because I want to do a ministry in urban areas and help with underprivileged kids."

Lin said his family supported his passion for basketball despite receiving criticism from some Asian-Americans that he didn't study enough.

"My dad was the one who really loved basketball and he was the one that put the basketball in my hands, and my mom was 'Team Mom' of all my teams," he said. "I used to play for three or four teams at once and she would just spend her entire afternoon driving me from practice to practice to practice."

Source: Josh Howard to get 1-yr deal with Wizards

WASHINGTON (AP)—A person familiar with the deal says Josh Howard has agreed to a one-year contract to return to the Washington Wizards.

The person told The Associated Press on Wednesday that Howard is set to come back after playing only four games with the team last season. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal hasn't been signed.

Howard was acquired in a seven-

player trade with the Dallas Mavericks on Feb. 13, but he tore a ligament in his left knee on Feb. 22. The Wizards declined to pick up their option on his contract at the end of the season but left open the possibility of re-signing him.

Howard had surgery in mid-March, with an expected recovery time of six to eight months. He has averaged 15.3 points over seven NBA seasons.

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CNMI U15 Football Team off to Guam today

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The CNMI 18-player U15 Football Team

will leave for Guam today to compete in the EAFF U15 Football Festival at the Leo Palace Resort Field in Yona.

The Commonwealth's youth strikers will battle the U15 championship against teams from Chinese-Taipei, North Korea, Hong Kong, Macau, Mongolia, and host Guam.

Northern Mariana Islands Football Association general secretary Ed Salas will lead the CNMI delegation to Guam, as he will serve as the U15's team manager. Glenn Perez will be the assistant team manager, while Tomoko Kawakata and Nathan Tan are the team official and team doctor, respectively.

The CNMI U15 squad, which is composed of Josiah Orlando, Abraham Tosiwo, Colin Curtis Fruit, Kennedy Izuka, John Raymond Taisacan, Andrew Scott Johnson, Dakota Hall, Jireh Yobech, Michael Barry, Stacy Escueta, Jehn Joyner, Jamal Cabrera, Sean Perez, Hunt-



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Members of the CNMI U15 Football Team, kneeling from left, John Raymond Taisacan, Kenneth Domingo, Enrico Del Rosario, Kennedy Izuka, Hunter Jewell, Andrew Johnson, Sean Perez, Joel Fruit, Jamal Cabrera, and Dakota Hall. Standing from left, Josiah Orlando, Jireh Yobech, Michael Joseph Barry, Jehn Joyner, Stacy Escueta, Tosiwo Abraham, Colin Fruit, and Julian Pellegrino.

er Jewell, Kenneth Domingo, Enrico Del Rosario, Joel Pierce Fruit, and Julian Pellegrino, will debut in the festival on Sunday when it plays Chinese-Taipei.

On Monday, the CNMI will duel North Korea in their Pool B game. Pool A is composed of Hong Kong, Macau, Mongolai, and host Guam. The top placers in each pool will compete for the U15 championship.

Salas said the 18 players rep-

resenting the CNMI in the East Asian Football Federation-sanctioned tournament were among the more than 80 youth players who joined the series of try-outs NMIFA conducted several months ago.

When the final selection was made, the squad beefed up its training, practicing five days a week. Weeks before to the tournament, the team trained twice a day three times a week and then

had scrimmages against U18 players and the Young Guns from the men's league.

"We would like to wish our youth players the best of luck. They have been training very hard for this tournament for several months and I know they will do their best to represent the CNMI well," Salas said.

"It is fulfilling to see their development from Day 1 until now. They have made a

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Sewell said.

The CNMI was originally scheduled to face the Marshall

Islands in its first game, but Sewell requested to reset the match, as some of his players are competing in athletics on the same day they are slated to meet the Marshalls' bet.

"The Marshall Islands is also

a tough team, as its players had been to a lot of leagues. With the Marshalls' economy slowing down, I learned people there have been organizing leagues one after another, so Marshall Islands players have a lot of

time preparing for the Micro Games," Sewell said.

As for Guam, Sewell said the CNMI's closest neighbor is fielding the same team that finished fourth in the FIBA Oceania caging on Saipan last year.

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Here's one scribe's analysis of what to expect in the 7th Micro Games from a CNMI perspective bias.

Once upon a time, Palau and Chuuk had the fastest sprinters. Saipan's Tyrone Omar and Yvonne Bennett have changed that landscape. One race I am specially looking forward to: 100 meters, Chuuk's John Howard with thighs of thunder versus Tyrone and his toothpick legs. Both guys are so classy it will be hard to root against anyone, just cheer for a great performance from each. Last weekend in Guam, Howard leaned ahead of Tyrone at the finish line for a micro victory. The rematch should be a classic. I'm betting Yapese stone money on Omar and the revenge factor. To be called "fastest man in Micronesia" or "fastest woman in Micronesia" is an honor that the rest of us can only dream about.

Fellow athlete Jacque Wonenberg should be in contention for most overall medals, as will Yvonne. Both of them will be looking to set new CNMI national track records. That is, if they can balance playing basketball with running track. Hey, the CNMI has limited natural resources. Double duty.

And inevitably there will be some 12-year-old barefoot girl

from one of the Micronesian islands who will wow people with her stamina and heart in a distance race.

Guam men's basketball team should pound everyone with its physical, aggressive style. The men's game I am most interested in seeing is CNMI versus Marshall Islands. The unemployment rate among young males in Majuro is astronomical. So the boys play a lot of basketball. All day. Every day. Their national team has been working out together as a well-oiled machine for more than a year.

Girls basketball should be more wide-open and competitive. While Guam should be considered the favorite (by sheer population demographics alone, one wonders why Guam doesn't dominate every sport every time), I expect the CNMI to be a medal contender. Connie Camacho is one of the few players in these parts who can take over a game at the end of the fourth quarter.

Once upon another time, Saipan dominated swimming like no other sport. Some Micro Games, over half of our medals came from the pool. While the Kimura and Kimball kids should do well, I have no idea how they stack up against other islands. Personally, I think the split between the Saipan Swim Club and Tsunami Swim Club did more damage than good to the sport here.

Likewise, I have no idea how the CNMI canoe team will perform. I expect Palau and Guam to paddle strong. While we too have strong guys, the sport is much more than just muscle. Similarly, I am unable to predict how the CNMI table tennis team will, huh, paddle. Hey, I still call it ping-pong.

If Saipan's top tennis player was playing in Palau, I would guarantee us a gold medal. But Ji Hoon Heo is concentrating on other mundane things right now, like conquering the world. Todd Montgomery, however, is no slouch potato and may be seen at the medal stand wearing something shiny. On the girls side, it will be good to see Kana Aikawa and Mayuko Arriola back wearing CNMI royal blue.

Like Ji Hoon, Saipan's other world-class athlete Miekio Carey should have little trouble winning the triathlon even if it is quite a bit shorter than she is used to running. Any race less than 8 hours is a stroll for her. They should make her carry a heavy rock just to make it fun. Kieran Daly, Lewie Tenorio, and Matt Mancao are also notables in blue.

Baseball, I admit, is the sport I am most interested to see, in fact, what most people in Palau will want to see. It took the CNMI more than 20 years to beat Palau. But since the mid-1990s, we have had the upper hand. But I've heard this Palau

team is different, and more like a throwback to the past when they were faster, more aggressive, better throwers and just better players than anywhere in Micronesia. They are a younger team who could overachieve thanks to Mlib Tmetuchl who brings back that exciting style that used to make Palau baseball so fun to watch.

I predict Guam will hit the most homeruns and score the most runs. I predict that Kosrae will try to steal ten bases against the CNMI. Pohnpei always surprises me. For a place that specializes in rain, I don't understand how they can play enough baseball to be proficient but then I saw with my own eyes Stanley Scaliem strike out 18 of Saipan's top hitters. We still won but only because of Pohnpei errors, not because of Stanley who should be considered as one of the Micronesia's all-time greatest pitchers.

The Micronesian All-Around is the one event that separates these Games from all others. I will never forget seeing Wilson climb up three coconut trees as fast as any primate could possibly climb. But it was his climbing down that was most impressive. He climbed down head first.

I was also impressed watching a woman from Pohnpei husk five coconuts in one minute. Heck, it takes me longer than that just to find my machete.

significant improvement and I believe these kids are prepared to compete against the best players of the participating teams," Salas said.

He added that NMIFA wishes to thank the parents of the players and the members of the CNMI football community for

their untiring support.

"On behalf of NMIFA president Jerry Tan and the NMIFA executive committee, thank you for your support in our endeavors aimed at developing the sport of football in the CNMI. Tournaments like these will help us grow," Salas said.

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Marshalls and Kosrae for the third to fifth place after the round-robin competition, but the CNMI was booted out of the medal round due to its lowest points in the tiebreak system.

In Pohnpei, Aguon said the team ran out of steam against much younger and faster foes. On Saipan, the hosts had the legs to keep pace with opponents, but was not that physically tough. In Palau, Aguon said the team will be both fast and tough and he hopes these are enough to put the CNMI in a better standing this time.

"Physically the team is ready for the Games. We are still working on the mental part. But you can expect the team to go all out every game," Aguon said.

The CNMI Men's Nationals are composed of Jose Tumaquip, Keoni Chariton, Quincy Johnson, Pete Iguel, Dan Barcinas, James Lee, Jeremy Winkfield, Tim Quan, Jack Lizama, Peter Mendiola, Robert Naraja, and Joe Villacrusis.

Except for Quan and Winkfield, members of the squad started training in January three times a week and shifted their training session to full gear in March, as the CNMI cagers held a five-

times-a-week practice. Winkfield came from the mainland and just joined the team last week, while Quan was also off-island most of the time and arrived on Saipan early this month.

Aguon said the team's main weapon will be its unforgiving defense.

"Our strongest point is that we are fast and our defense is pretty strong. Our weakest point right now is our offense. The guys are still struggling with our half-court set offense, but we are working on it," Aguon said.

Aguon picked Guam and Palau as the CNMI's toughest foes, but he is not taking other teams lightly.

"I believe Guam and Palau will be our toughest rivals, but this does not mean the other island-nations will be easy. Guam will have veteran players from their national team that competed in the Oceania so they will be very tough. Palau has been practicing for over a year and has some players who are playing college ball off-island," the CNMI mentor said.

Men's basketball competition in Palau will run from Aug. 2 to 9 at the Palau National Stadium in Koror.

Besides the CNMI, Guam, and Palau, other island-nations competing in men's basketball are Chuuk, Kosrae, Yap, and the Marshall Islands.

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vowed to try his best to emerge victorious in their bout.

Sablan and Manibusan attended last night's weigh-in at The Flair, where Trench Tech announced a last-minute change in tonight's fight card.

In lieu of frequent no-show Saipan's Rick "2Slick" San Nicolas, Tinian's Mike Reyes will battle Alfredo Reyes in the 185-lb. division.

Trench Tech's Mark Nuique, meanwhile, will take on Kelvin Kaipat in the 140-lb division after Tinian's Manny Cepeda begged off from the matchup.

The other bouts in the 15-match fight card are the following:

■ Tinian's Pete Ayuyu (0-0 win-loss record) vs. Guam's Pete "The Heat" Alvarez (1-0) in the 146-lb division;

■ Team ZengZung's Conrad Manglona (1-0) vs. D.A.T. Gym's Josh "Crush" Martin (1-0) in the 155-lb division;

■ Marianas Elite's Prescott Cabrera (0-0) vs. Zalaka's John Ilo (0-1) in the 150-lb division;

■ Team ZengZung's Zackary Rhodes (0-0) vs. Saipan's Joe "Da Combo" Duenas (0-0) in

the 130-lb division;

■ Team ZengZung's George Manglona (1-1) vs. Saipan's Josh Cruz (0-1) in the 140-lb division;

■ Tinian's Regino Mundo (0-0) vs. Team Zalaka's Jacob Ilo (0-1) in a 140-lb K-1 exhibition kickboxing match;

■ Marianas Elite's Victor Norita (0-1) vs. Tinian's Dennis Pua (0-1) in the 135-lb division.

■ Predator Combat's "Tabi" Jay Muna (5-7) vs. Trench Tech's "Bad" Brad Palacios (5-3) in the 135-lb division;

■ Saipan's Jason "Ground Maintenance" Teregeyo (0-2) vs. Tinian ZengZung's Craig "Earthquake" Borja (2-0) in the 140-lb division;

■ Trench Tech's Sully Stone (1-0) vs. Tinian's Jush Sanchez (0-0) in the 205-lb division;

■ Marianas Elite's Syl "The Deal" Teregeyo (4-4) vs. Trench Tech's "No Way" Jose Mafnas (1-1) in the 190-lb division; and

■ Trench Tech's Ton "ButDosa" Sablan (2-0) vs. Team Zalaka's Franklin Faisao (0-0) in the super heavyweight division.

Rites of Passage IX: Indestructible goes down tonight at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort. Doors open at 7pm and seating availability will be determined on a first-come, first-serve basis.



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Clayton Kenty, seen here competing in a local relay race, was part of the CNMI Team that competed in a tournament in Guam last week.

CNMI tracksters haul 24 medals in pre-Micro Games tourney

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Thirteen members of the CNMI Athletics Team competed in the 2010 Guam Track and Field National Meet last Saturday and went home with 24 medals.

Coach Elias Rangamar said the CNMI's 24-medal haul was more than Guam's total in the one-day tournament at the Leo Palace Resort track and field facility. He added the CNMI won 10 gold medals, eight silver, and six bronze, taking the most gold medals in the jump

and throwing events.

"We did pretty well in a tournament in Guam last week. It was a great warm-up for our athletes. The tournament also allowed them to gauge their foes in the upcoming Micronesian Games in Palau," Rangamar said.

The meet featured some of the athletes who will be representing Guam and the Federated States of Micronesia in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau.

One of them was Jack How-

ard of Chuuk, who competed against Tyrone Omar in the 100m dash. Omar finished second to Howard, but the former redeemed himself in the 200m run, winning the gold medal in that race. The CNMI sprinter also teamed up with Clayton Kenty and Ryan Ichihara in the 4x100m relay race and they won a silver medal.

Joining Omar, Kenty, and Ichihara in Guam were Sylvan Rangamar, Douglas Dil-

lay, Trevor Ogomoro, D.J. Ngirchongor, Jacque Wonenberg, Jenequa Benavente, Lia Rangamar, Reylyn Sapong, and Yvonne and Yvette Bennett.

Details of the events other CNMI bets participated in were unavailable at press time, but Elias Rangamar said his wards' medaled in almost all the events they competed in.

Meanwhile, after returning from Guam last Sunday, Rangamar and the more than 20 athletes who will represent the CNMI to the athletics competition in Palau held their

last two days of training sessions at the Oleai Sports Complex track and field facility last Monday and Tuesday.

The CNMI tracksters then took an off day last Wednesday, as they left for Palau yesterday. Six Northern Marianas Athletics athletes left Saipan at 4:25am, while the main bulk of NMA delegation boarded a Continental Airlines flight to Palau at 8:30am yesterday.

Athletics competition in Palau will run from Aug. 3 to 6 at the Palau National Track and Field facility in Koror.



All system go for TOC tomorrow

» Players have until noon today to register



The 15th Annual Tournament of Champions, the premier golf event in Saipan, will be played tomorrow and Sunday at the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort east and west Courses.

The two-day event is full of exciting hole-in-one prizes, a golf ball drop and the chance to walk away with \$1 million. The deadline to register is 12 noon today.

The \$175 TOC tournament fee includes two days of golf and the awards banquet which will be held on Sunday at Laolao Bay's The Grill Restaurant immediately following the tournament.

"We set our price to match the fee from the first TOC in 1996. We appreciate the support for TOC and thought the reduced fee would be a great way to say thank you," said tournament director Ben Babauta.

First place winners in the men's championship, A, B, C, Senior, and Super Senior Flights will each receive \$600 cash, \$500 for second, \$400 for third, a digital camera to fourth, and \$100 DFS gift certificate for fifth place.

The Ladies Low Gross champion will receive \$600, \$500 for second, and \$400 for third place. The Ladies Low Net first through third places will receive a trophy.

Over \$400,000 worth of prizes are at stake in the two-day tournament, including hole-in-one prizes worth \$50,000 on both the east and west course courtesy of AON, three brand new cars from Joeten Motors, Triple J Motors, and Microl Corp.



Joji Taguchi, seen here in a file photo, came in third in the Championship Flight of last year's Tournament of Champions.

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A Harley Davidson Motorcycle from American Iron Horse and \$25,000 from Bank of Hawaii also be given as a joint hole-in-one prize. In addition, \$1,000 will be awarded to closest to the pin winners in hole No. 15 in the east course.

"There has been a lot of talk about our hole-in-one prizes among the golfers. It would be a great way to celebrate 15 years if we have a winner this year," Babauta added.

A new addition for the 15th annual tournament will be a Golf Ball Drop. TOC players will have the chance purchase golf balls and win \$15,000 if their ball is dropped in the designated area and selected by special drawing. The \$1-million shootout will return with each ticket holder having five chances to walk away with \$1 million dollars.

In 2009, Guam golfer, Louie J. Sunga defended his title in the men's Championship Flight. Yong Man won second place,

Joji Taguchi was third, Seung Woo Kang and Jong Won Lee were fourth and fifth place, respectively. Manny Mangarero won the Seniors Flight crown. In the A Flight, Tae Sung Seol won first place.

Yasu Irinaka was second, Philip Mark Santos was third, with and Sung Keun Kim finishing fourth and Jessie K. Seaman placing fifth. Rep. Diego T. Benavente topped the B Flight, followed by Jhun Calma, Ben Mabborang, Tony Rogolifo, and George Fleming. Yoshiro Yamamoto won the C Flight, Tony Sablan placed second and Martin Duenas was third. Manny Mangarero won the Seniors Flight crown, while Duke Yoo, Kwang Min and Mike Conley were in a three-way tie. Yoo won the Super Seniors title in a score card playoff.

In Ladies Flight, Yun Jeong Kim won low gross followed by Rose Tarpley in second place over Noriko Togawa. In the

Ladies Low Net, Kimiko Abe came in first while Lorraine Babauta and Na Eun Song were second and third, respectively.

Nike Demo Day

TOC organizers is also reminding everyone that today is also the final Nike Demo Day from 2pm to 6pm at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort Driving Range. Participants can sample from a broad assortment of Nike clubs at The Range, while experts equipped with a launch monitor and computer will be in place to help golfers with their personal driver fittings, while playing their practice rounds.

Laolao Bay Golf and Resort will also offer golfers special discounted prices at The Range through today and The Grill Restaurant will have special lunch menus available today and Saturday.

The 15th annual TOC is supported by platinum sponsors DFS Galleria, Marianas Visitors Authority, and Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

Gold sponsors include Aon Insurance, American Iron Horse, Bank of Hawaii, Docomo Pacific, IT&E, Joeten Motors, Microl Corp., Miller Lite, Nike Golf, Pepsi, Shell, Tan Holdings, and Triple J Motors.

Other supporters are silver sponsors Budweiser, Elite Printing, Hard Rock Café, Images Saipan Ltd., Saipan Computer Services and Bronze sponsors Coca-Cola, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Hana Tour, IConnect, Island Apparel, Kautz Glass, KSPN Channel 2/Flame Tree TV, KZMI/KCNM, and Power 99/The Kat, The Palms on Pau Pau, Triple B Forwarders.



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The Rota Cliff Fishing Derby was a staple in 1990s and returns this weekend following an absence of several years.

2010 Rota Cliff Fishing Derby promotes responsible fishing

Organizers of this weekend's Rota Cliff Fishing Derby are looking to strengthen ecotourism on the island with an environmental-friendly Code of Conduct for all competitors.

The derby, held several years throughout the 1990s, returns to Rota with a small field of rod and reel contenders.

"Respect other fishermen's rights and belongings. Respect the environment and never litter and pollute. Remove all fishing lines and other fishing gear from the area when finished. Never discard unwanted fishing lines, nets, and other gear into the fishing area. Support our conversation efforts and promote a responsible way of fishing," the code reads.

Cash prizes will be awarded for the top three winners in the categories of Biggest Fish, Total Weight, and Most Variety. In addition to the code, sharks, turtles, stingrays, eels, shellfish, and octopus will not qualify as part of the catch.

The derby is sponsored by the Marianas Visitors Au-

thority, 13th Rota Municipal Council, Rota Mayor's Office, Rota Legislative Delegation, and Pacific Development, Inc. Organizers hope the event will help revive international interest in cliff fishing on the tropical island.

Registration is \$25 and the fishing sites will be As Matmos, Malilok, and Pona Point. Derby check-in will be at 4:30pm on July 30 at Guata Beach Park, followed by orientation at 5pm and the start of the derby at 5:30pm. The derby will end 12 noon on the final day. An awards luncheon will also be held.

Weigh-ins will be at each fishing site in the morning and evening of July 31 and on the morning of Aug. 1. Reserving spots before the derby begins will not be allowed.

For complete rules or to register, contact Martin Duenas of MVA at 664-3200 or mduenas@mymarianas.com or Sandra Atalig of MVA-Rota at 532-0327 or satalig@mymarianas.com. (PR)



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This weekend's Rota Cliff Fishing Derby will be held in As Matmos, Malilok, and Pona Point.



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Rick Rengiil went undefeated in USS Peleliu Club's Labor Day Customer Appreciation 8-Ball Tournament held last Sunday.

Rick Rengiil tops Labor Day 8-ball qualifier



Rick Rengiil didn't drop a game in winning Sunday's qualifier for USS Peleliu Club's Labor Day Customer Appreciation 8-Ball Tournament.

He will face off against Joe Asanuma, Mei Rengiil, Dean Santos, and 12 other qualifiers on Sept. 5 for the \$100 first prize winners of free Sunday and Tuesday tournaments earn spots in the Labor Day final. Players with the most points for finish-

ing second, third, and fourth fall out the 16-player bracket.

Simeon Kapileo came back through the loser's bracket, eliminating Taylor Watanabe and Erin Olkeriil, but fell short against Rengiil in the final. He still holds the points lead with nine. Olkeriil has six after her third-place finish and Watanabe's fourth increased his total to five.

Last Tuesday's match had to be canceled because of a scheduling conflict with the Saipan Billiards Association's Bud Cup

final. The additional slot in the Labor Day final will be given to the player with the second highest point total.

"We apologize, again, to the competitors we couldn't contact," said Ken Phillips of USSP.

All matches are double-elimination, following Billiard Congress of America rules. There is no entry fee and sign-up begins at 7:30pm.

For more information, contact Rose or Ken Phillips at 233-1984. (USSP)

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CNMI cagers shooting for medal round



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Members and coaching staff of the CNMI Men's Basketball Team pose for a group photo last week before their game in the Budweiser caging at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Editor's note: These are the eighth and ninth articles of a series of 10 that will feature CNMI teams set to compete in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau.

The CNMI Men's Nationals will be aiming to make it to the medal round in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau after falling short of their target in the last two editions of the quadrennial event.

"Our target is to make the Top 4 of the round-robin in play and then medal," said CNMI Nationals coach Rufino Aguon, who mentored the Commonwealth's 2002 and 2006 teams.



In 2002 in Pohnpei, the CNMI cagers finished seventh, while in 2006 when Saipan hosted the Micro Games, the hosts landed in fifth place. Aguon's wards tied the

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Palaxi, Hitman vow to do what it takes

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TRENCH TECH

The main protagonists in tonight's Rites of Passage IX: Indestructible have promised to do what it takes to come out on top of their duel inside the octagon cage.

Trench Tech's Giovanni "Palaxi" Sablan, who comes into the match with a 15-4 win-loss record, said that he doesn't look at his bout against Guam's Matt "The Hitman" Manibusan as a revenge match.



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Saipan's Giovanni "Palaxi" Sablan, right, and Guam's Matt "The Hitman" Manibusan are all smiles while posing for the camera during last night's weigh-in for Rites of Passage IX: Indestructible at The Flair.

It can be recalled that Sablan took out Manibusan via arm-bar submission in Pacific Xtreme Championships 10 in Guam back in 2007.

It was one of four defeats in Manibusan's mixed martial arts career, which has netted him two wins so far.

Sablan said he will do what it takes to win the match but stopped short of predicting a knockout or what round the match will end.

Manibusan, for his part, said he will lean on his ground-and-pound strategy to beat Sablan and like his opponent, the Guamanian freestyle expert also

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Tough task for cage belles

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The CNMI Women's Nationals will be facing a tough task in defending the gold medal in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau next month.

Making it a huge challenge for the CNMI to win back-to-back gold medals in women's basketball was the departure of majority of the members of the team that won against Palau in 2006. Second, the Commonwealth failed to secure the services off-island players, notably NCCA Division I recruit Samana Ingram and former MISO caging MVP Chelsea Ruloked.

Only captain Connie Camacho and Lia Rangamar are the returnees on coach Bill Sewell's team for this year's Micro Games. Completing the squad are Lena Guzman, Jeralyn Castillo, Ira Palero, Lalaine Pagarao, Jenequa Benavente, Yvonne Bennett, Jamie Mendoza, Jacque Wonenberg, Lily Williams, and Dion Diaz.

Most of these players competed in the MISO caging and joined only one tournament outside the interscholastic league this year via BANMI's women's caging. Some members of the team also represented the CNMI in the FIBA Oceania tournament held here last year.

"We are a very young team and we have only Connie Camacho to count on as far as leadership on the floor is concerned. With others teams like Palau and Guam having players who have been playing for more than five years and joining regular leagues, it will be tough to play them and defend the gold medal," Sewell said.

However, Sewell believed if his wards do the things they have been doing in practices, the CNMI has a good chance of winning every game.

"What we have to do is play aggressive defense, pedal on all fast break opportunities on offense, and run a patience half court offense. We also have to take note that every shot, every pass, every rebound the other team gets, the opposing team has to work hard to have them. If we play this way at the end of the game we should be in position to win," Sewell added.

"In short, we can't be lady-like when playing basketball. We have to be tough and always be ready to stand our ground," Sewell said.

The CNMI cage belles will be playing their first game in this year's Micro Games against Palau.

"It will be a big test, as I learned Palau has been practicing for over a year now,"

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Members and coaching staff of the CNMI Women's Basketball Team pose for a group photo at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium a day before they leave for Palau for the 7th Micronesian Games.

Let's go, Micro!

They used to be called the Micronesian Olympics. That's before trademarks and patents and lawyers ruled the world. Now they are called Micronesian Games, as if they were for kids (okay, maybe they are for kids, kids at heart that is.)

The CNMI will take a formidable contingent to Palau. True, not as many athletes as when Saipan hosted the event in 2006 but one that should bring home its fair share of medals, along

with heartbreaks and close misses and controversies and all that goes into making a multi-sport event momentous and memorable at the same time.

From everything I hear, Palau is ready. And able. And more than willing. I expect the competition to be worth the price of clam soup. One thing about Palau, Saipan, and other islands in Micronesia: they know how to host and toast.

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OFF THE BENCH

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